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12 O'CLOCK, M.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

The case of Fisk and others vs. the Rock Island Road was again before the Supreme Court in New York on Saturday. After reading the papers on behalf of plaintiffs, Mr. Tracy, on behalf of defendants, read several affidavits setting forth that it had been determined by the company, at a regular meeting of directors, in order to enable them to complete their line to Omaha, to issue some 10,000 shares of new stock; that this could be realized by the sale of said stocks were, before any injunction had been served on any of the officers of the company, deposited to the credit of the company with the Union National Bank of Chicago, and that the loans made were to responsible and solvent parties, and upon call, in a regular manner. The affidavits further set forth that the sending of the books to Chicago was to facilitate the transfer of original shares of stock. It is denied that any of the directors or officers of the company entered into any combination to speculate in stocks, and averred that all acts of the defendants were done in good faith and from the sole desire to promote the interests of the company. The decision was reserved.

Mr. Jerome has withdrawn "Kentucky" from the two races for which he was entered at the spring meeting, on account of dissatisfaction of owners of race horses at his reappearance, after formally being declared retired from the turf.

Joseph Reed has been committed for trial at St. Hyacinthe, Canada, on a charge of poisoning Louis Toulssant Boulet. The wife of the latter is to be tried as an accessory.

Rev. Mr. Sullivan, Minister of St. George's Church, Montreal, has accepted a call to the rectorship of Trinity Church, Chicago.

There was great excitement in Philadelphia over Washington events. The Democrats held a meeting there in the evening, and were addressed by Erick Pomeroy. The Union League will raise a large flag bearing the letters, "S. P. A."—Senate and people of America.

A fire in East Boston yesterday, destroyed Munson & Peterson's Planing Mill, with a valuable stock and machinery. Loss $50,000. Grumbar & Stowe's furniture manufactory loss $15,000, and a block of wooden dwellings occupid by several families. Loss $7,000, partially insured.

The schooner Lizzie Choate, of Gloucester Massachusetts, was lost at sea February 9th. Captain Gaffney and two others were lost. Two of the crew were saved and have arrived in Boston.

A fire in Toledo Saturday evening destroyed the Breed block and adjoining buildings on Summit street. Loss in the neighborhood of $100,000, nearly covered by insurance in New York and New England companies.

Gen. Hancock Saturday issued an important order regarding the Louisiana finances. The order states that the Auditor and Treasurer having represented officially the indebtedness of the State to be such that under the present revenue laws the debt cannot be paid, and the Governor, in an official communication to the commanding General, having declared the State Treasury totally bankrupt, so that Judges and all other State officers cannot be paid, and that unless some remedy be applied the machinery of the State must stop; the collection of arrears and taxes for four years being suspended by the Legislature until the year 1870, and the appropriation act having expired December 31, 1867, and the emergency being so pressing that prompt action is indispensable to prevent anarchy, confusion and loss of all semblance of civil authority, the General, therefore, directs, first, that from and after this date all the licenses on trades, professions and occupations, and the revenues, dues and taxes of the State of Louisiana shall be payable and collected in United States legal-tender notes. It is also the duty of the State Treasurer, and all other persons charged with these collections, to exact payment as above, revenue thus collected to be appropriated to the payment of judicial, executive and civil officers of State and other purposes specified in the law. The Appropriation act for 1867, so far as it applies to specified expenditures and assessment for the same year, are to be adopted by the Auditor and Treasurer. Collectors are required to perform their duties under the existing laws.

The horse Empire State was driven from Brighton to Worcester, Massachusetts, in two hours and twenty-four minutes. This was an extraordinary performance, but it cost the horse his life.

The large six-story malt house of John G. White & Son, on Hudson street, Albany, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday morning. It contained barley, malt, &c., to the value of $120,000, which is a total loss. The building was valued at $60,000. The firm's loss is over $100,000 above the insurance.

An arrival from St. Thomas brings intelligence that shocks of earthquake had occurred, but were not violent, and caused but little fear among the inhabitants.

Advices from St. Domingo confirm the report of the capture of the capital by the Bazeists. Baez had not arrived at St. Domingo. General Jacinto was forming a cabinet and reorganizing the Government. Gen. Luperon has sailed from Turk's Island with an expedition to attack the city of St. Domingo, and a counter revolution against Baez is apprehended.

A fire in St. Louis yesterday destroyed the store of Wait, Shelby & Co., 117 Main street, and damaged the adjoining establishment considerably. Loss $75,000; insurance not ascertained.

USURPATION!!

JOHNSON-STANTON IMBROGLIO.

Gen. Thomas Arrested and Bailed.

IMPEACHMENT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Articles Reported by Thad. Stevens.

Every Republican but Two in Their Favor.

Vote to be Taken in House To-Day.

SITUATION AT THE WAR OFFICE.

Gen. Thomas Asks Stanton to Vacate

Mr. Stanton Orders Thomas to His Duty as Adjutant General.

The Latter Insists on Being Secretary of War.

Stanton has Bed and Board in His Department.

State of Affairs at the White House.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 22, 1868.

Washington has passed through a day of exciting and momentous interest. Even the papers here agree that nothing like it has been witnessed since Lee's surrender. The fact that the city was over-crowded with strangers, many of whom are prominent public men and politicians in attendance on the session of the National Democratic Executive Committee, added to the fact that to-day was observed by the Departments as a holiday, threw an immense population into the capitol, the hotels and the streets, all of which seemed to be filled with the inspiriting rapidity with which the exciting events followed each other. The bold course of the President yesterday, the action on it of the Senate last night, together with the determination of Mr. Stanton not to yield the War Office to General Thomas, coupled with rumors of troops being ordered out, all sharpened the public appetite to the keenest degree.

First in order of fact came the arrest by the civil court of General Thomas, under the fifth section of the civil tenure act, charged on the oath of Mr. Stanton, that he (Thomas) had violated the law by accepting the office of Secretary of War *ad interim*. No sooner had this been disposed of at one end of town, than news came from Capitol Hill, flying all over the city in newspaper extras, and through the crowds at the hotels, on the streets, and about the departments, that the Reconstruction Committee had assembled at eleven o'clock, at the residence of Thad. Stevens, and had, after an hour's discussion, agreed by a party vote to report a resolution for the impeachment of the President for a violation of the civil tenure act. [The detailed report of the conclusion of the Committee will be found elsewhere.]

In the meantime the scene in the House of Representatives was exciting. Dense masses of people thronged the galleries and blocked the corridors surrounding the hall. The members were generally in their seats. On the floor and without the bar, and in the adjoining cloak room, hundreds of persons, not even privileged to the floor, were standing or sitting. The ladies were present in force, and even illuminated the reporters' gallery with a full display of the fashions. Finally the Speaker, in order to accommodate the Press, issued an order refusing to admit any more, but it was too late, for many of the reporters were unable to get in or out of the gallery. The diplomatic gallery was fully occupied with the ladies of families of the Diplomatic Corps, and the ladies of members of Congress. The only class that seemed to be excluded was the negroes. They have, by a common consent, obtained possession of seats in the North gallery of the House, but the Anglo Saxons stole a march upon them this morning, and occupied their seats, pushing them off to seats upon the steps. The consequence was that there was but a small sprinkling of black faces among the host that looked down from the galleries upon the legislators below.

The proceedings in the House were commenced with the offer of a resolution by Mr. Eldridge to have Washington's Farewell Address read, and that the House then adjourn. This was objected to by the Republican side, and in retaliation everything offered by the Republicans out of the regular order was objected to, and the House was compelled to attend to its regular business, which was the consideration of an insignificant patent case. After a while an arrangement was made whereby Mr. Eldridge secured the floor, and he submitted a motion to adjourn, and this was followed by a motion to adjourn until Tuesday next. Upon both questions the yeas and nays were demanded, the indications being that the Democrats were about to commence a filibustering process for delay. They contented themselves however, with the vote upon the motion for adjournment. Meantime the Senate had adjourned, and members of that body came over to the House and occupied seats beside their State delegations, and proceeded to discuss the exciting action of the past forty-eight hours.

Everybody was waiting for the impeachment report, and the delay was unexplained, except to newspaper men, who ascertained that Thad. Stevens was too much exhausted by the session of the committee to come at once into the House. But about 2 P. M., the eyes of the dense auditory were upon him, as he feebly walked up one of the aisles, balancing himself by the desk as he went to his seat. The Speaker knew what was coming, and in an imperative tone warned the galleries, and then the floor, not to indulge in any demonstrations of applause or censure. This had a good effect on a crowd that was evidently wrought to a high degree of excitement.

As Mr. Stevens rose, the speaker's hammer fell commanding order, and restoring such a silence that the first words of the infirm voice of the chairman of the Reconstruction Committee could be heard, declaring in his official capacity, for the first time, for the impeachment of Andrew Johnson for high crimes and misdemeanors. Col. McPherson, Clerk of the House, took the place of the usual reading clerk, and read the report. When he concluded with the resolution for impeachment, the crowds in the galleries were evidently uneasy for some demonstration, but Mr. Stevens at once arose, and was again heard throughout the hall. He said it was not his purpose to discuss the question and if no one on the Democratic side desired to discuss the question, he would take the vote with the knowledge they now had of the act of the President in removing Mr. Stanton from office while the Senate was in session. He had no desire to discuss the matter and would give the other side an opportunity for discussion if they desired it. The Republican members appeared to be ready to take the vote.

Mr. Brooks, of New York, however, arose on behalf of the minority of the Committee (Mr. Beck and himself), and addressed the House in an earnest speech, defending the President and warning the House of the terrible consequences that in his opinion must result from this proceeding. At one or two points in his speech there was suppressed applause.

Judge Spalding and Mr. Bingham, of Ohio, followed in support of impeachment. If there had been any doubt of the result of a vote, there was none now; for both of these gentleman had heretofore opposed it, and were accepted as representing that portion of the Republican members who had acted with him. Their speeches seemed to intensify the excitement in and out of the House, for men of all parties agreed that the Republicans were about a unit in favor of going to the bar of the Senate, and demanding the trial of the President for high crimes and misdemeanors.

The debate run on after Mr. Bingham finished, and the crowds continued to throng the capital in anticipation of a vote at sundown. It was finally agreed to continue the debate to-night and on Monday, and then take a vote on Monday evening.

At the evening session of the House there was no abatement in the attendance of spectators. The galleries were overflowing, the corridors were crowded and the floor of the House was even thrown open to the ladies. All of the Republican members who spoke favored impeachment. At a late hour the House adjourned till Monday. A canvass of the House shows that of the Republicans, all but two—Stewart, of New York, and Carey, of Ohio—will vote for impeachment.

Scenes at the War Office.

The War Department situation remains unchanged. Mr. Stanton was still in possession to-night. He has a bed in his room and his meals are sent in. The following account of General Thomas's last interview with Mr. Stanton was written out by a person who was present:

About 11:30 A. M., General Thomas, having just been released on bail by Judge Cartter, presented himself at the door of the Department and told Mr. Stanton that he would like to see him. Mr. Stanton told him to proceed with anything he had to say. Gen. Thomas remarked that he had come to discharge his duties as Secretary of War *ad interim*, having been ordered to do so by the President of the United States. Mr. Stanton replied that he could do no such thing, and ordered him to perform his duties as Adjutant General. General Thomas replied that he had been ordered by the President to act as Secretary of War, and he intended to do it. Mr. Stanton again replied he should not, and again ordered him to his own room and denied the power of the President to make any such order. General Thomas said he would not go; that he should obey the orders of the President, and not obey the orders of Mr. Stanton.

Mr. Stanton remarked—"As Secretary of War, I order you to repair to your own place as Adjutant General."

Gen. Thomas—"I shall not do so."

Mr. Stanton said—"Then you may stay there as long as you please if the President orders you; but you cannot act as Secretary of War."

Gen. Thomas—"I shall act as Secretary of War."

Gen. Thomas then withdrew into a room opposite, being Gen. Shriver's room. Mr. Stanton immediately followed him.

After some conversation Mr. Stanton said:—"Then you claim to be here as Secretary of War, and refuse to obey my orders."

Gen. Thomas—"I do, sir; I shall require the mails for the War Department to be delivered to me, and shall transact all business of the War Department."

At this juncture General Grant and aid came in. General Grant said, playfully, to Mr. Stanton: "I am surprised to find you here. I supposed you would be at my headquarters for protection."

Gen. Thomas remained until the afternoon, and then went over to the White House to see the President. Gen. Grant left Secretary Stanton in about an hour.

The Situation at the White House.

An account of the situation at the Capitol and War Department having been given, the White House remains to be paragraphed. The President has been conferring a good portion of the day with his Cabinet and Senators Dixon and Doolittle and General Thomas. General Banks called during the day and had a brief interview.

The President seems to be impressed with the gravity of the situation, and expects the House to vote for impeachment, but freely expressed his intention to test the conflict which has arisen only in the courts.

To-night the President gave a dinner party to the members of the National Democratic Executive Committee, and the resident Democratic Committee, which was attended by about forty persons. The entertainment commenced at six and lasted until ten o'clock.

To Western Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, February 22.—Much excitement was occasioned throughout the city this morning, owing to the arrest of Gen. Lorenzo Thomas, on affidavit made by the Secretary of War, Stanton. At seven o'clock General Ord delivered to David K. Goodling, Marshal of the District of Columbia, the following warrant:

United States of America, District of Columbia, ss: To David K. Goodling, Marshal of the District of Columbia:

David K. Cartter, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, hereby commands you to arrest Lorenzo Thomas, of said District, forthwith.

The following is the affidavit of Hon. E. M. Stanton, on which the warrant was issued:

To Hon. David K. Cartter, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for the District of Columbia: Edwin M. Stanton, of the City of Washington, in the said District, and being duly sworn, on the 21st day of February, A. D. 1868, he, the said Edwin M. Stanton, being the Secretary of War in the Department of War under and according to the Constitution and laws of the United States, that he held said office on the 12th day of March, 1867, and been duly nominated and appointed to the said office of Secretary for the Department of War by the President of the United States, and that his said nomination was duly advised and consented to by the Senate of the United States, and his said nomination had been duly accepted to and entered upon the duties of said office, and was in the discharge of the duties thereof, and the said Edwin M. Stanton, being duly sworn, doth depose and say that on the 21st day of February, A. D. 1868, in the city of Washington aforesaid, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, did unlawfully issue an order in writing, under his hand, and with the intent and purpose to remove from office and to prevent the said Edwin M. Stanton from the said office of Secretary for the Department of War, and to appoint one Lorenzo Thomas, Adjutant-General of the Army of the United States, to act as Secretary of War *ad interim*, and to discharge the duties thereof, and immediately enter upon the discharge of the duties pertaining to that office; and that the said Edwin M. Stanton has been informed and believes and states that the said pretended order of removal of him from the said office of Secretary of War was and is wholly without authority of law, and void, and contrary to the express provisions of an act duly passed by the Congress of the United States, and which was passed over the veto of the President, regulating the tenure of certain civil offices." And further, on oath, deposeth and says that the said Lorenzo Thomas did, on the said 21st day of February, A. D., 1868, in said city of Washington, accept the same pretended appointment of Secretary of War *ad interim*, and on the same day issued and delivered to this affiant a copy of said pretended order of the President, removing your affiant as Secretary for the Department of War, and appointing said Secretary of War *ad interim*, certified by the said Lorenzo Thomas, under his hand as Secretary of War *ad interim*, and on the said 21st day of February, A. D. 1868, in the city of Washington aforesaid, deponent, your affiant, duly served the said Andrew Johnson; the said Lorenzo Thomas, with notice in writing of your affiant's claim to said office, all records, books, papers and other public property belonging to the said office, and duly entered upon the duties of Secretary of War; and your affiant further states on oath that he is informed and believes that the said Andrew Johnson, in the said city of Washington and District aforesaid, on the 21st day of February, A. D. 1868, issued a copy of said order of Secretary of War, and to issue an order as such, and your affiant verily believes that the said Lorenzo Thomas goes out and threatens that he will forcibly remove your complainant from the said office of Secretary of War, and that the said Lorenzo Thomas goes out and threatens that he will forcibly remove your complainant from the buildings and apartments of the Secretary of War in the War Department, and forcibly take possession and control thereof under the said pretended appointment of the President of the United States as Secretary of War, and to hold and perform the duties of Secretary of War as wholly unauthorized and illegal, and that the said Lorenzo Thomas, by accepting said appointment and thereunder exercising and attempting to exercise the duties of Secretary of War, has made himself guilty of the fifth section of the act above referred to, and that your affiant believes he has made himself and subjected himself to the pains and penalties prescribed in the fifth section against such offenders, and your affiant prays that a warrant may be issued against the said Lorenzo Thomas, and that he may be arrested and dealt with as the law and justice of the case applies.

[Signed] EDWIN M. STANTON.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 21st day of February, A. D., 1868.

[Signed,] D. K. CARTTER, Chief Justice.

Sworn to and subscribed before me by Edwin M. Stanton, of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, this 22d day of February, 1868.

Gen. Thomas was released on bail, according to the following bond:

United states of America, District of Columbia, to wit: On the 22d day of February, in the year of our Lord, 1868, before the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, personally appeared Lorenzo Thomas, E. A. Ellison and George H. Hall, and severally acknowledged that they severally owe the United States of America, that is to say the said Lorenzo Thomas, in the sum of one thousand dollars, and the said E. A. Ellison and George H. Hall in the sum of five thousand dollars each, to be respectively levied on their bodies, goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to and for the use of the United States of America, if the said Lorenzo Thomas shall default in the performance of the conditions under written. The condition of the above recognizance is such that if the above named Lorenzo Thomas appear before me, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, at the City Hall in the said District, on Monday, the 24th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., then the recognizance to be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and virtue.

Acknowledged before me.

[Signed.] D. K. CARTER, Chief Justice.

There were present at Secretary Stanton's office, this morning, Representatives Moorhead and Kelley, of Pennsylvania; Van Horn and Van Wyck, of New York; Dodge, of Iowa; Ames, of Massachusetts; Mr. Perham, of New York, and ex-member Columbus Delano, of Ohio.

After a long conversation with Robert J. Walker, Gen. Thomas left his office. It is reported Walker's advice to him was to remain passive, to carry out all orders of the President, but to wait the action of Court, but not to forcibly eject Stanton. Grant took no part in the controversy between Stanton and Thomas.

After Thomas left the friends of Stanton also left. After leaving the War Department, Thomas, in company with Robert J. Walker, went to Grant's headquarters, thence to the White House, where he was admitted without delay. Attorney General Stanberry, Secretary Wells and R. J. Kennedy were present at the interview. General Thomas conversed at some length with the President, giving an account of his interview with Stanton. The President and Thomas then went to the library with Stanberry, where a private conversation was had. In a short time the President re-appeared and wrote out some order, which was borne away by Colonel Moore. It was rumored this was a Cabinet order to Stanton to withdraw forthwith from the war office.

The galleries of the House were densely crowded to-day, and hundreds were unable to gain admittance. Nearly, if not all the Senators were on the floor, including Mr. Wade, who was supplied with a seat near the Speaker. Strict attention was paid to the reading of the impeachment report, and the interest in the debate continued apparently unabated until recess. The galleries to-night were again crowded. Many visitors were here from neighboring cities. There seems no question, from what can be ascertained of the views of Republicans, that the House will pass the impeachment resolution by a majority. The action of several of them only is now in doubt.

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WASHINGTON, February 22, 1868.

SENATE.

The CHAIR laid before the Senate communications from the President in reply to a resolution of inquiry in regard to the Island of San Juan and Puget Sound. Referred to Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. ANTHONY, this being the anniversary of Washington's birthday, moved to adjourn.

Mr. DOOLITTLE asked unanimous consent to designate one o'clock Monday for him to address the Senate.

Mr. CONNESS said unless more important business should demand their attention there would be no objection.

Mr. DOOLITTLE—I suppose there is no greater or more important business than the question of reconstruction.

The CHAIR—I object to any debate.

The CHAIR decided a debate out of order, and put the question for adjournment, Mr. Doolittle vainly endeavoring to add another remark, and the Senate adjourned at 12:15.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The SPEAKER announced that the regular order of business was the consideration of the bill from the Committee on Patents for the relief of Samuel Pierce, on which Mr. Peters, of Maine, was entitled to the floor.

Mr. ELDRIDGE, rising to a privileged question, moved that the Clerk read Washington's Farewell Address.

The SPEAKER ruled it not a privileged question, and asked Mr. Peters if he yielded the floor to allow the resolution to be offered.

Mr. PETERS declined.

Mr. ELDRIDGE moved to adjourn.

The SPEAKER said the gentleman from Maine could not be deprived of his right to the floor except by his own consent, and therefore the motion could not be entertained.

Mr. HOLMAN appealed from the Speaker's decision.

On motion of Mr. WASHBURNE, of Ill., the appeal was tabled.

Mr. PETERS yielded the floor to Mr. Eliot, who reported an unimportant bill from the Committee on Commerce, which was passed.

Mr. ELDRIDGE then asked leave to offer a resolution.

Messrs. SPALDING and SCHENCK renewed the objection, the latter remarking in an undertone that if they wanted an address, they should send for Andy, as he makes the address of the 22d of February, but for himself, he did not want anything from that source.

Mr. INGERSOLL suggested an amendment to the resolution, so that the farewell address shall be listened to next week, when there might not be such important business before the House as was expected to-day.

Mr. ELDRIDGE hoped the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Ingersoll] would not throw contempt on the question, adding that it was disgraceful to himself and the House.

The SPEAKER stated in reply to Mr. Ingersoll that if the resolutions were received by unanimous consent and the previous question was not moved, a motion to postpone would be in order.

Mr. SCHENCK having refused to withdraw his objections, Mr. ELDRIDGE moved to adjourn in honor of Washington.

Mr. KERR moved said adjournment be till Tuesday.

The yeas and nays were called for, and both motions rejected by a strict party vote.

Mr. WILSON, of Ohio, on leave, introduced a bill to prevent and punish the unlawful use of military power, by declaring such unlawful, and imprisonment, any United States officer or other person for loaning, depositing, or otherwise using or disposing of any money or property of the United States for their own benefit. Referred to Judiciary Committee. The bill to be, that the present law has been decided to apply only to officers of the Government, while this bill applies to their clerks and all others. It is also to be declared that limitted the bill to the Judiciary Committee, and it had the unanimous approval of the Committee. The bill was passed.

Mr. EGGLESTON, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill to regulate the appraisement and inspection of imports in certain cases. Ordered to be printed and recommitted.

Mr. ELIOT asked leave to introduce a bill to abolish the office of Adjutant General.

Mr. GLOSSBRENNER objected.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Judiciary Committee, reported back to the Senate the bill for protection in certain cases of persons making disclosures as parties or testifying as witnesses. After an explanation by Mr. Williams, from which it appeared that suits now pending in English courts for the recovery of property in the late Southern Confederacy, and which are held no liable to testify because his testimony would subject his property to confiscation, and that this bill was intended to remedy such difficulties. The bill was passed.

The Pierce claim bill was passed.

The House went into committee and considered the pension bill, appropriating $90,350,000, which was discussed, reported to the House and passed.

Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, at ten minutes past two, rose to make a report from the Committee on Reconstruction.

The SPEAKER gave an admonition to the spectators in the gallery, and to the members on the floor to preserve order during the proceedings about to take place, and to manifest neither approbation nor disapprobation.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Reconstruction I beg leave to make the following report: That in addition to the papers referred to, the committee find that the President, on the 21st day of February, 1868, signed and issued a commission of authority to one Lorenzo Thomas, directing and authorizing said Thomas to act as Secretary of War *ad interim*, and to take possession of the books, records, papers and other public property in the War Department, of which the following is a copy:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21, 1868.

SIR: The Hon. Edwin M. Stanton having been removed from office as Secretary of the Department of War, you are hereby authorized and empowered to act as Secretary of War *ad interim*, and will immediately enter upon the duties pertaining to that office. Mr. Stanton has been directed to transfer to you all records, books, papers and other public property entrusted to his charge.

Respectfully, yours,
[Signed] ANDREW JOHNSON.
To Brevet Major General Lorenzo Thomas, Adjutant General U. S. A.

Official copy respectfully furnished to Hon. Edwin M. Stanton.
[Signed] L. THOMAS,
Secretary of War, *ad interim*.

Upon the evidence collected by the Committee, which is hereafter presented, and in virtue of the power with which they have been invested by the House, they are of opinion that Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, should be impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors. They therefore recommend to the House the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

[Signed] THADDEUS STEVENS,
GEORGE S. BOUTWELL,
JOHN A. BINGHAM,
F. C. BEAMAN,
C. T. HULBURD,
JOHN F. FARNSWORTH,
H. E. PAINE.

Resolved, That Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, be impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors.

The report having been read, Mr. STEVENS said: Mr. Speaker, it is my intention in the first instance to discuss the question, and if there be no desire on the other side to discuss it, we are willing that the question shall be taken on the knowledge which the House has. Indeed, the fact of removing a man from office while the Senate is in session, without the consent of the Senate, is itself, if there was nothing else, and always has been considered a high crime and misdemeanor, and was never before practiced. I will not discuss this question unless gentlemen on the other side desire so to do. If they do, I shall for the present give way to them and say what I have to say in conclusion.

Mr. BROOKS then took the floor, and after referring to his want of time to prepare a minority report, said he was utterly inadequate to discharge the duty which had devolved upon him on this august day, the anniversary of the birth of the Father of his Country, and to express himself with that solemnity which he felt in rising to resist this unholy and unconstitutional proceeding. He knew not why the report of the impeachment had appeared in a new form. It had been laid hitherto in the House, but a minority of the members on the other side, forcing its influence and power on the majority, had at last succeeded in compelling the party to attempt the impeachment of the President.

We have, he said, been long in the midst of revolution. Long has the country been agitated in the throes of a revolution, but we are now approaching the last and final stage of the revolution. There is nothing new in what we are doing. We but repeat the history of the past. We are traversing over and over again the days of Cromwell and Charles the First and Charles the Second, and all the scenes of the French revolution. We have been told, though not here and now, that the President should be impeached because he was an obstruction in the way of reconstructing certain States, or rather an obstacle to the party which would be but is not directly in power. Sir, we are all obstructions to that party, my associates and myself. We all have been and intend to be obstacles in the way of that high-handed proceedings, and if the President is to be removed as an obstacle in the way of the party in power, it is equally within their power, by the exercise of a tyrannical majority, to remove every obstacle, and have sole control of the Government. But I bid them beware, in no spirit of defiance, but from a devoted love for my country; I bid them beware, and to proceed no further in their revolutionary steps. Speaking in behalf of those who have sworn to support the Constitution, in behalf of my associates here, in behalf of those thundering majorities whose voices are roaring outside of the capital, and who, if the constitutional opportunity to enter, I bid you beware. Your impeachment will avail you nothing. The President is to be tried before the Senate with all the forms of law, and before you can anticipate the final result he will be removed from your authority by the constitutional termination of his office. If you proceed further and depose the President by violence, if you suspend him if you throw him out of office except by due process of impeachment, I tell you in behalf of thousands, and tens of thousands, and hundreds of thousands, and millions of the people, that we will never, never, so help me God, never, never submit. [Laughter on the Republican side.] Sir, we have the physical power of the country with us; the bone and muscle of the country are ours; the heroism of the country is ours; four-fifths of the army of the United States is composed of the Democracy of the country, and if you proceed to introduce politics into the army, the Democratic soldiers will follow their Democratic instincts and will stand by the Constitution and the laws. I, therefore, Mr. Speaker, bid you beware of unconstitutional, illegal or extraordinary proceedings. Proceed in your forms of impeachment, through all the manipulations and sinuosities and tergiversations of the law, and we shall cheerfully submit, because it is our duty so to do as constitutional, obedient men; but step an inch further over the bounds of the Constitution and proceed, as is frequently proposed, in a violent and revolutionary manner, and you precipitate violence and revolution.

Mr. BROOKS went on to argue that the matter on which the impeachment of the President was proposed was a legal question, and that the President had as much right to judge of the constitutionality of the tenure of office act as the House or Senate had. If he were advising the majority of the House in this overthrow he would hurry on this matter. Andrew Johnson had little or no power as President of the United States. He was without authority, or influence, or patronage. Congress had so manacled him as almost to overthrow Executive power, and if they did not succeed in re-electing him to the Presidency, they would at least immortalize his name on the pages of history as the most glorious defender of liberty that ever lived under any constitutional government whatever. [Laughter among Republican members.]

Mr. SPALDING having had five minutes allotted to him from Mr. Bingham's time, said: Mr. Speaker, I feel myself to be in no proper frame of mind or heart to attempt a rhetorical display on this occasion. I can appreciate the sentiment of the gentleman from New York, Mr. Brooks, when he says the question before us is filled with solemnity; but when he, with his usual eloquence, attempts to use gasconade to drive members of the House from a conscientious discharge of duty, I say to my friend, he has mistaken his calling.

Sir, no more important duty can devolve upon this House of Representatives than that of considering the question whether articles of impeachment shall be preferred to the Chief Magistrate of the nation, and for long months—yea for years—I have resisted with all my personal influence the approach to the crisis which is now before us. The President has done many very grievous things, but I would not in my conscience say the President should be holden to answer on the charge of the commission of high crimes and misdemeanors until something could be made tangible whereby he had put himself in conflict with the laws of the nation.

It has seemed to me for weeks that that officer was courting the very hour and very occasion which is upon us, and the consequence of which will be upon him. He has thrown himself violently in contact with the act of Congress of the 2d of March last, by the vote of the constitutional number of two-thirds of the Senate and two-thirds of the House of Representatives, and in reasoning with him I have carefully avoided the obligation of my oath or unconcerned about the supremacy of the Constitution and the laws. I look upon the Constitution of the country as the very breath of the nation's life. I look this day on the consideration of this great question as did the gentleman from New York and ask him [Brooks] in the consideration of the matter to ponder upon those deathless words of the Father of our Country, wherein he declared that the Constitution, which at any time exists till altered by the voice of the whole people, is sacred and obligatory upon all, upon all, sir, from the President to the humblest citizen within the limits of the Republic; upon every human being standing within the jurisdiction of the Republic. We have not before us the words which himself and his associates had embodied in the Constitution, that this instrument shall be the supreme law of the land, but the issue involved is not, as the gentleman from New York said, the question of an office, but whether the supremacy of the Constitution shall be maintained by the people of the Republic. Whether the President of the United States has assumed to set himself above the majesty of the law. He has assumed to defy the law. He has assumed to challenge the representatives of the people to sit in judgment of his usurpation of office. Any man who has considered and observed my conduct touching this question, which has so long agitated this House and this country, must have discovered that I have used all my efforts and have endeavored to keep others back from making any unnecessary issue between the President and the representatives of the people touching the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his great office. I have not on this occasion—both the law and Constitution had been violated by him. When the President took the oath to support the Constitution, it was also his duty to see that the laws were faithfully executed. Who was this Andrew Johnson, who sets himself in defiance of the Constitution and laws?

A gentleman, near Mr. Farnsworth, answered that Johnson was one for whom his party voted.

Another said Johnson was a Republican President.

Mr. FARNSWORTH replied—I say, so were we deceived. I repeated on my vote. The Republican party were cheated into his support, and the ungrateful, despicable, mean, traitor President, turned his back on the men who elected him, and the friends who rallied around him. He turned his back on men, including those in Tennessee, who supported him, and went over to the party he had fought, not only at the ballot box but in the field. Who is this Andrew Johnson, that he should set himself up against Congress, the courts and the people? By what authority did he take it upon himself to oppose the law passed in accordance with the constitutional forms? Was it because God gave him more brains and moral character, and a clearer judgment than the best men of the country?

Let this House and the Senate teach Andrew Johnson that there is a power stronger than the President, namely: the power of the people, whose representatives were speaking here today. The gentleman from New York says if we enter on the trial, the term of the President would expire before the trial was concluded. The President's letter to Mr. Stanton and associates presents a complete, perfect case. We need swear no witnesses and take no testimony. Read the law—read the Constitution, and the case is all there as plainly as if the President had confessed the fact. I trust the Senate will do its duty fairly and completely. If the President could remove Stanton, he could remove every other member of his Cabinet and all other officers excepting the members of the Judiciary. We see by the newspapers that the President has created a new department, the Department of the Atlantic. We now see that failing to make a tool of Gen. Sherman, he resigns so much of the order as assigns that officer to command. We hear that he has a pliant tool for the command. No doubt he will find other tools. Why create an additional department now, ignoring General Grant? Why not have a pliant tool he might order General Grant into arrest. Who doubts his purpose, that when he has the War Department and the army at his beck, and Grant under arrest, where are we? The army in the hollow of his hand, and where are we? If he can turn out others, he can turn us out. What is the effect? No reconstruction. The country is to be told that with a pliant tools he will force the Democratic party to nominate him and keep his seat warm.

Mr. GETZ.—I don't think the Democratic party can be forced in that way.

Mr. FARNSWORTH—Do you say you will not support him?

Mr. GETZ.—Yes, if he shall be nominated.

Mr. FARNSWORTH—That's the old Democratic party practice of going it blind. [Laughter.]

Mr. GETZ—Oh, no.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, resuming, said he understood Mr. Brooks to remark that two-thirds of the army was recently united from rebels.

Mr. BROOKS replied that he had not

The Daily Commercial

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THE COMMERCIAL *is the largest daily paper in the State, and gives daily one-fourth more reading than any other paper in Pittsburgh. It is the only Pittsburgh paper that uses the telegraph liberally, gives full market reports, and all the news of the day.*

As proof of the estimate placed on the market reports of the COMMERCIAL, *we will state that they are regularly copied by the New York Economist, Shipping List, Iron Age, and other papers of this character in that and other cities, and that leading English commercial papers and circulars regularly reprint them with credit. There is within five hundred miles, hardly an Iron Factory, Oil Refinery, or leading manufactory of any kind that is not a subscriber to the* COMMERCIAL, *principally, because its reports are the only full and reliable given of the Pittsburgh markets.*

THE question of the day, in view of the New Hampshire election on the 10th of next month, is this: "IF JEFF. DAVIS were a voter in that State, for the candidates of which party would he cast his ballot?" It is said that a question sometimes is as good as a sermon; and this is of that sort.

THE Democratic Committee have selected New York and the Fourth of July for holding the Presidential Convention of the party. Mayor HOFFMAN'S friends have labored for New York, and the selection of that city will doubtless encourage them to believe that he has some chance of being nominated for the Vice Presidency.

THE *World* is still engaged in trying to prove that the capture of Fort Donelson by GRANT was an affair quite the reverse of what has been supposed. To fortify itself, it takes to Confederate authority as natural as a duck to mud, and with such testimony it finds no difficulty in making it perfectly clear that GRANT was more deserving of dismissal than the applause which has been accorded to him by his grateful countrymen. Why not say at once that GRANT never fought a successful battle, and is a confirmed coward!

WHAT we have already asserted on undoubted authority will shortly be stated on the floor of the House of Representatives, to wit: That the Committee of Ways and Means have agreed to remove all taxation from almost the entire class of articles of productive industry, and that the number of articles fixed in the new bill will not exceed half those embraced in the present revenue law. This will be good news to the whole country and strengthen the popular confidence in the wisdom and devotion of Congress. With legislation equally judicious on the currency, the country will once more enter on a career of prosperity.

IN an obituary of Mr. SWAIN, one of the founders of the Philadelphia *Ledger*, the following occurs:

"Business is business, and nothing should interfere with it, was another of his principles. Consequently he would take no thing off the price of an advertisement on the score of friendship or benevolence, or any of the ten thousand petty excuses made to nip the printer. A gentleman once called upon him with an advertisement in behalf of a poor widow with several helpless children. 'How much for the advertisement, under the circumstances?' said he. 'Just what it comes to,' said Mr. S., 'business is business sir; charity is another question.' 'But,' said the gentleman, 'every dollar would be a matter of serious moment to her family.' 'Business is business, I repeat, sir. You have no right to give in charity is my own private affair. My business has nothing to do with it.' 'Then you will take no less?' 'Not a cent, sir.' The gentleman paid the bill very reluctantly, amounting to perhaps fifty dollars, and was going out of the office reflecting rather severely in his own mind upon the parsimony of Mr. S., when the latter called him back. 'Do you know this widow? Is she honest and deserving?' 'She is.' Mr. S. slipped a bank-note for fifty into the gentleman's hand.'

No doubt Mr. SWAIN in his lifetime frequently offended a class of persons, numerous at the present day, who seem to think that an editor or publisher is a free horse that may be ridden at will. This class seem to act on the principle that a paper is bound to grant all their requests without any thought of pay. Generally, more kicks than pay are in store for the recipient of the *patronage* of these persons. A good many do not yet understand that they have just the same right to the freedom of a newspaper as they have to the freedom of a public hotel, a railroad or steamboat, and no more. As a hotel keeper, a railroad officer and a steamboat captain will respond to all proper calls of charity, so will the editor or publisher of a paper, and nothing more should be expected. Those whom it may concern will be able to pursue the subject without help.

ANDREW JOHNSON'S USURPATION.

Not since the downfall of the rebellion has the public mind been so profoundly moved as within the last three days, by the attempt of ANDREW JOHNSON, by usurpation, to obtain the control of the War Department. Mr. STANTON had just been restored to the Department through the regular operation of a law of Congress. He was there in the performance of his duties and in pursuance of such a law—a law that was as sacred as any law in existence, and binding on both him and the President. Neither had a right to disobey or in any manner disregard it; but both were as much bound by it as the humblest man is bound by the law whose validity has never been questioned, and that is vital to the preservation of the most sacred right of the citizen. The proceeding of the President was, therefore, glaring usurpation, because it was in utter defiance of law, and solely to execute his personal will and accomplish a selfish purpose, conceived in anger, and pursued with a reckless disregard of means and consequences. However much men may differ in other respects, good citizens of all parties and creeds will be found acting together in supporting the unmistakable commands of a law of the land. Every private doubt and individual construction—every personal interest and party aim must go down before the majesty of law. If disobedience by the ignorant and the humble cannot be excused, when the President sets a law at defiance, and with no pressing necessity or public emergency for a plea, substitutes therefor his own will, and with all the power of his position attempts to execute it, what but his speedy IMPEACHMENT should follow? This Mr. JOHNSON has done, and Congress, we are persuaded, is prepared to do its whole duty, and impeach him.

In our columns this morning are spread out the fullest details of the President's attempt at usurpation. From them can be gained a distinct view of what Mr. JOHNSON expected to accomplish by the conspiracy which failed when Gen. GRANT, with a promptness and sagacity which will stand to his everlasting honor, indignantly refused to become his instrument. Gen. LORENZO THOMAS is performing the *role* which JOHNSON laid down for Gen. GRANT. It was necessary that the usurper should have an instrument to work with, and one has been found who is as obedient and serviceable, it would seem, as even the bad man of the White House could desire. When we come to consider the motives underlying this action and the end which, should it prove successful, will be reached, we find every rebel and every rebellious element in the land applauding the President. The bones of the dead rebellion are vitalized by this act of usurpation. In the hope in some way of benefitting themselves, the Democratic party, though unwilling to bestow a distinct indorsement, have backed the President and urged him on to this extreme act. One of the questions which present themselves is, will they urge him to go farther still, even to the crisis of revolution, into which no one doubts that ANDREW JOHNSON, if not speedily arrested, is prepared to precipitate the country? In the early dawn of the rebellion it was a question how far the Democratic masses would follow the party leaders through whose teaching it had been precipitated. And it is no less a question now, how far the leaders can take the masses of the Democratic party in support of ANDREW JOHNSON, fired as he is to the highest pitch of anger, moved by the worst passions, blind to every consequence in the pursuit of the contest which for more than three years he has waged with the representatives of the people? The Democrats in Congress, in the vain hope of gathering something from the wreck, may support the usurper and encourage him into open revolution, but we believe that the masses of their party will refuse to follow. There is a point beyond which men cannot be urged—and ANDREW JOHNSON is too poor a creature, his objects are too unpromising of profit or advantage, to enlist reflecting men of the least character to become his champions.

As in the first dawn of the rebellion, it is no less a duty now to stand by Congress against a faithless Executive. It is neither Radicalism nor Conservatism, but the majority of the land—the Republic itself—that is menaced. We feel persuaded, as we have already said, that the Republicans in Congress will do their duty. The time has fully come when policy and principle unite in support of the demand for the removal of ANDREW JOHNSON from the Presidential office, according to the forms of the Constitution, and for reasons which are as manifest as any that ever appealed to men's senses.

THE NEW ARTICLE OF DEMOCRATIC FAITH.

The publication of a new Democratic paper in St. Louis, with the significant title of "*The Repudiator*," we have already announced. Its object is the total and early repudiation of the national debt. Mr. PENDLETON and the Democratic party, whose favorite, more than any other public man, he is, have done well in going as far as they have, but neither as yet has gone far enough. Nevertheless, the stand taken by PENDLETON and the recognition he has received encourages "*The Repudiator*" to believe that the time will be short when open repudiation will be the watchword not of Mr. PENDLETON only, but of the Democratic leaders and a large portion of the party. "Mr. PENDLETON'S *propositions*," says the new organ "*includes repudiation*." "This is commendable so far as it goes." "This so-called debt is a fraud," continues the new light of Democracy, therefore it asks, "would it sully the faith of the government to repudiate a fraud?" "Would it not rather," it continues, "sully its character and tarnish its honor to become the protector of thieves, of plunderers, of peculators, of tyrants, of usurpers?" That the people in this quarter may know what Pendletonian Democracy liberally interpreted by one of the faith, is, we give the following extract from the new organ:

"Let the American people show the world that they appreciate public and constitutional liberty at a higher value than they do bonds fraudulently obtained, and we shall feel no concern about subjugating the 'faith of the government.' It is the great misfortune of the country that the 'Government' has kept no faith with anybody, to whom its faith was pledged. This thing called 'the Government' has oh about a lot of bonds under false pretenses, by the practice of a bottery indictable under the statute; and it now calls upon the people to ratify its fraud. This is called honor, forsooth!"

All who are for this sort of progressive Democracy will please fall into line. That to this complexion is the Democratic faith tending, is as plain as the unclouded sun at noonday.

Mr. Seward's Land Purchase.

It is asserted in a Washington letter that the Danish and Russian representatives are in great perplexities about the payment of the land purchases which Mr. Seward has made of their respective governments. Both parties, it is said, have anything but smooth words for Mr. Seward, who and Mr. Johnson, it is asserted, were very emphatic in representing that their action was final concerning the Russian purchase; the delay is said to have brought out the fact that during the Crimean war, certain English officers who reconnoitered Alaska, reported that the capture of that country would only entail the expense of holding what was worthless; and it is furthermore said, that recently Russia came to the conclusion that it would be best to get rid of the country if the United States would purchase it, at almost any price. The thing was given into the hands of Baron Stoekl, who by skillful manipulation received the offer of seven millions, for what Russia was ready to give away. There is a story floating around, among the attaches of the legation here, that the Russian authorities were so much tickled at their unexpected good fortune, that they at once presented a large sum of money to their principal agents in this country.

Another Subterranean Wonder

At La Crosse they have been boring an artesian well. At the depth of two hundred and eighty feet the workmen at the well became sensible of a remarkable change going on within the bore; the drill had been working through a substratum of dark porous rock for five hours, and had been making rapid progress, when suddenly the machinery stopped, the rods became violently agitated, and a deafening explosion ensued, followed by a stream of boiling water, gushing with mighty force through the tube from the depths below. The startled workmen were blinded by clouds of steam. George Hayes, the workman in charge of the drill at the time, had a very narrow escape. He received a jet of boiling water on his neck and breast, but was partially protected by heavy woolen clothing. Others were more or less injured. The upward pressure is supposed to be not less than two hundred pounds to the square inch. The mean temperature is about 180 of Reamur's thermometer.

The New Lisbon Postoffice.

The *Buckeye State*, published at New Lisbon, Ohio, has the following relative to an item which appeared in our Washington special dispatches a few days since:

ERRONEOUS.—We notice a dispatch in the Pittsburgh COMMERCIAL charging Postmaster Robertson of this place, with buying bonds, and stating that an investigation has been ordered and is now going on in regard to the same. The statement is entirely false, and without even a shadow of foundation, as the author well knew when he penned it. In justice to our worthy Postmaster, the COMMERCIAL should, and, we hope, will, make the proper correction.

The Prospect in New Hampshire.

The canvas in New Hampshire is growing animated daily. On both sides it is regarded as involving all the points of the Presidential race, and the interest is correspondingly lively. As to the prospect a letter to the *Tribune* says:

"As the canvass now stands, it is impossible to deny the fact that Gov. Harriman is sure of re-election. His majority will certainly reach 4,000, and better may reasonably be hoped for. Union gains an additional 500. The Democrats elsewhere may doubt this, but it is true; and if they can forget their revilings over the transaction of this quarter, their patience will have to be an unbounded one indeed to offer any thing approaching the 'Paradise Lost' of their former supremacy."

In the last annual report of the Pennsylvania Railroad is that in which the officers propose that the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad shall become a cheap freight railroad, devoted to the transportation of produce and goods, rather than passengers, merchandise and produce, much of it of the bulky kind, at low rates of speed, which best assimulate with cheap carriage. It is maintained that the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad could be devoted to such a system with advantage, and by its connection at Erie with the lake shore railroads, it would offer to the products of the West, if conducted on such a system, a cheaper and quicker access to tide water than could be obtained by any other means.

A LETTER from Alabama, giving an account of the way Union voters were defrauded at the late election, says: "Old residents say the like has not been seen since 1860, and one man says that in Lee county the rebels, with their trousers in their boots, their broad-brimmed hats, and their knives and pistols, re-enacted exactly the game of terrorism and brutality by which they carried the election of secession delegates in that year. In Bullock county, by force and threats, we lost more than half of those who came up to vote. With all this we are but a few thousand short, probably less than five."

ALTHOUGH it was announced that the Wisconsin delegates were for Pendleton, such is not the fact. The Convention refused to instruct, but declared that the delegates would go to the Convention unpledged. If they are for anybody, they are for Andrew Johnson, and opposed, consequently, to the greenback policy of the Ohio man.

THE hoisting of the name of General Grant for the Presidency by the New Orleans *Tribune* and the *Republican and Advocate* is not the least significant indignation of popular sentiment.

THREE thousand colored people of Mississippi have petitioned the National Government for aid to enable them to emigrate to Liberia. They say they want to go because they stand no chance with the white people of the country They say there is plenty of work if any favor was shown them. In this petition they say: "Few planters will allow us a teacher of our choice on the plantations, and those who teach us in the cities are scorned and hated. These things being so how can we hope to secure homes of our own or even to provide for our children? Much less can we hope to give them that education which is necessary to fit them for usefulness in life. How can we hope that our children will be any better off than we are if they grow up as they are growing up now? If we could get the liberia, we probably could do better for ourselves and vastly better for our children; but we have no money, and cannot go without help."

PERSONAL.

—Another Tyng case is brewing in Rhode Island. The Providence *Journal* states that in Westerly, R. I., on Sunday, Rev. Frederic Denisen, pastor of the Baptist Church, and Rev. J. P. Hubbard, rector of the Protestant Episcopal church, made an exchange in accordance with previous announcement, each occupying the pulpit of the other. Both houses were very full. Rev. Mr. Hubbard, it is understood, had been admonished by his Bishop not to adopt this course of action, which will doubtless now be made the basis of ecclesiastic action. Mr. Hubbard seems to have the countenance and support of the larger portion of his parish.

—MR. E. C. Cushman, the consul to Rome who is charged with fighting in the ranks of the Papal army, is a brother of Miss Charlotte Cushman, the actress.

—It is reported that Mrs. Lumley, the niece of Mr. Lumley, the well-known London opera manager, who has a fine mezzo soprana voice, may shortly make her *debut* at Pike's Opera House, New York.

—Mr. Gunbrede, the artist-engraver, New York, prints the following as to what is considered *en regle* in turning down card corners in polite society: Much has been said, of late, respecting the fashion, or custom, abroad, of turning down the corners of visiting cards. A correspondent inclines to the opinion that that custom is so general in Paris, that a lady receiving her friend's card with either of the four corners broken down, can tell, at a glance, the object of the call. This is an error, for, as a general thing, there is no rule: the wording printed on the back of the card has been varied to suit the taste of those using the following words on cards—as, for instance, in French, it has been used, *Félicitation*, in the right upper hand of card; *Condolence*, on the left upper hand; *Visite*, on the left lower corner of the card; and *Congé* on the left lower corner of the card; and I have seen this wording placed just in the opposite direction. A translation of the French has also been made and used in the Spanish language. In English it has been used in various manners—some having it condolence, visit, adieu and cogratulation. The letters P. P. C. on a visiting card—meaning, *your pleasure congé*—to take leave—are not so much in use now. Such cards are often enclosed in envelopes, and sent to one's friends just on the eve of a long journey. Most of your readers are unquestionably quite familiar with the initials, R. S. V. P., on invitation cards, meaning *responder sil vous plait*; or, "Send an answer if you please." This idea has been also expressed in plain English, "the favor of an answer is requested in the matter of invitation cards issuing in the name of the mother, or parents, instead of using the daughter's name, a quite agree with your last correspondent, that when parents are at home it is much better taste to issue party invitations in their own name. For weddings, parties, or receptions, they should be always in the name of father and mother, both having equal interest in the marriage of their daughter.

—Londoners—the shopkeepers in particular—have been thrown into ecstacies by the announcement the Queen will "hold their drawing rooms at Buckingham Palace" in the course of the season. She is in robust health, and the showing of herself again will make her subjects happy again, and bring relief to London tradesmen who have become greatly depressed.

—"Veteran Observer" makes the following clever hit: "I see that Horatio Seymour is elected President of the Dairymen's Association. Like Cincinnatus to his plough—like Horace to his Sabine farm—Seymour goes to grassy meads and flowery vales where

"From knotty particles, first floating wide,
Congealing butter's dazzling mass divide."

"I respect him; for it is better to make good butter than bad politicians."

—Mr. Henry C. Murphy, in the New York Senate, last week, showed himself of the mind of Mr. Banks on the subject of the imprisonment of our people by the British authorities in England and Ireland, and said he was for arresting the English in this country who had slandered our institutions and villified the nation, and locking them up till the British Government should have liberated the American citizens now in its custody. In view of the great wrongs of the Southern people, he thought it may be a lucky thing for him that Mr. Dickens is so soon to get out of this country.

OHIO ITEMS.

The town of Urbana has been incorporated into a city, with a population of 5,807.

Mr. P. P. Mast, of the firm of Thomas & Mast, Buckeye Agricultural Works, Springfield, Ohio, leads off in the movement to add $100,000 to the endowment fund of the Ohio Wesleyan University with a gift of $10,000.

The Mahoning *Register* says: We constantly hear of new manufacturing enterprises in the Mahoning valley. Among others a company has been formed to erect iron works at Mahongtown, near the junction of the Lawrence and Erie and Pittsburgh railroads. The ground has been presented to the company by the citizens and work is to be begun in the spring. The principal object is to manufacture spikes, one of the stockholders being proprietor of a new patent spike machine.

A girl, whose name is suppressed, having light hair and full face, left her home near Mt. Vernon one day last week, and on arriving in Crestline, fell into the hands of some men employees on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, by whom she was detained, and at night fastened in a caboose car, where they proceeded to outrage her. During the night she was forced to submit to the embraces of no less than fourteen of these ruffians. It was finally discovered by a gentleman named Anderson, who, upon expressing a desire to come to Columbus, sent her to that city, where she is now supposed to be. She is the daughter of wealthy and respectable parents, who are offering a liberal reward for her return to them. It is understood that she has changed her name to that of Mary Park, and that her intellect is not very bright."

The Perry county *Weekly* says the iron ore trade along the line of the Cincinnati & Zanesville road is increasing. There is ore all the way from New Lexington to Wolf Station, twelve miles. Near the line of the railroad the vein is thin, but an acre of ore, delivered at the road is worth $1,500. An acre in the ground is worth from three to six hundred dollars, its value being governed somwhat by the stripping. Several new parties are going into the business of mining ore, and the metal is being discovered on almost every farm in the vicinity. Parties in Zanesville are buying and paying cash for all the ore that can be delivered at the road switches.

ANOTHER LONG RACE.—A match has recently been made between parties in this city and Boston parties, for a trial of speed and endurance between the horses "Empire State," formerly known as the "Larned horse" of this city, and "Ivanhoe" of Boston. The match is for $1000, each horse to carry 400 pounds, to go to sleigh or wheels, rain or shine, play or pay. They are to start from the Milldam, Boston, Saturday noon, at 12 o'clock, and trot to this city. The match is causing considerable interest among horsemen; as both horses are known to be possessed of remarkable powers of endurance and speed enough to carry them through in quick time. "Ivanhoe" has trotted fifteen miles in an hour on a track, drawing two men in a heavy wagon. "Empire State" was driven from this city to Boston a year ago last summer on a very warm day, drawing two men in a buggy, in three hours and a half. He has been in training for the past year, and leaves this morning for Boston. He will be driven in the race by George R. Wesson, accompanied by his backer, William A. Eager.—*Worcester Spy.*

DR. BUTLER, of Boston, has published a work in favor of lifting as a cure, rather as the means of health. The theory seems to be, that ordinary exercise develops the external muscular apparatus inordinately, thus occasioning a draft on the forces of the system at the expense of the nutrition of organs engaged in the vital process of respiration, digestion, assimilation and excretion. Thus it comes to pass that a man may rival Hercules and yet succumb to consumption or fever; may be very strong in the arms, yet weak in the heart or stomach. The "lifting cure," by increasing the power of the internal organs, and consequently the vital strength of the organism, operates by giving the system power to throw off morbid matters, and substitute health for diseased conditions. It is deemed essential to this end that the weight raised should fall as nearly centrally as possible.

THE Nashville *Union* gives an account or a wonderful phenomenon—a mirage—near that city. It says: "Let any one who is desirous of witnessing a most startling natural phenomenon, which throws the mirage of the plains, and the mist-visions of the Scottish coast entirely in the shade, ascend the central mound in a direct line from the city, on any clear day, about an hour by sun. When half way up the declivity he will see other hills, palpable even to grass clumps and little stones, gradually rising in the air, and not upon the side of the mound. Perhaps, these huge phantoms remain stationary: if he advances, they continue to rise before him, until within a few yards of the entrenchments, when they suddenly vanish to nothingness, like a scene in a dissolving view."

The Springfield, (Massachusetts) *Republican*, of the 11th inst., says: Manufacturing is improving, and the manufacturers are encouraged in view of a busy and profitable spring. Cotton has increased considerably in value and demand, and many of the mills are now running on full time, and with a full force in all departments. In the Boston market the demand for goods is very active, and jobbers are unable to buy up a stock of goods in hopes of higher prices, as their customers take them as fast as the mills can turn them out. Wool and woolens do not improve, as the trade has not yet recovered from its heavy losses of last fall. The market is abundantly supplied with cheap goods, and those of a heavier grade, but eager, is nearly at a standstill.

AT a meeting of the directors of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad, held in New York Thursday, a resolution was passed calling a meeting of stockholders to be held at Cleveland on the 26th of March, to take into consideration the propriety of increasing the capital stock of the Company to the amount, or to any part of the amount of earnings used in construction. Also, the propriety of consolidating, leasing or operating their road. The transfer books close on the 25th inst., and remain closed until March 27, both inclusive.

THE VASHON CASE.

SHALL NEGROES PRACTICE LAW?

Arguments of Hon. P. C. Shannon, James H. Hopkins, Esq., John H. Bailey, Esq., Col. Thomas M. Bayne, Thomas M. Marshall, and Others.

The announcement that the Vashon case was to come up for argument in the Court of Quarter Sessions on Saturday, attracted a large attendance, especially of the leading lights of the Democracy. The members naturally divided themselves politically on the floor, and in one corner, in rather close proximity, could be seen Gen. J. B. Sweitzer, Thos. J. Keenan, John H. Bailey, James H. Hopkins, D. D. Bruce, Col. J. K. Kerr, R. C. G. Sproul, W. D. Moore, John R. Large, and others. On the Republican side, Messrs. T. M. Marshall, P. C. Shannon, John M. Kirkpatrick, R. B. Carnahan, Stephen H. Geyer, Thomas M. Bayne, Jacob F. Slagle, General A. L. Pearson, Colonel Duff, H. C. Mackrell, W. S. Purviance, A. M. Watson, and others. A considerable amount of caucusing and canvassing was indulged in, while the roll was being called for the disposition of the ordinary business, which occupied the Court until nearly one o'clock. A number of the members of the bar got tired waiting, and retired before the case was reached. All other business having been disposed of, the argument came on, upon a rule to show cause why George B. Vashon, a colored man, should not be admitted to practice in the Court of Common Pleas. Judges Sterrett, Mellon and Stowe occupied the Bench.

OPENING ADDRESS OF JUDGE SHANNON.

Hon. P. C. Shannon, attorney for Mr. Vashon, opened the argument, and recited the circumstances under which the application assumed its present phase. On the 20th of July last he moved the admission of Mr. Vashon to the bar, and the Court, after argument, had referred the matter to a committee, consisting of Messrs. N. P. Fetterman, James Veech, Geo. Shiras, Jr., M. W. Acheson and Thomas Lazear. That committee, after careful examination, had made a report, which the speaker proceeded to read. [The report was published in full in the COMMERCIAL a few weeks since. It was a mere statement of facts—finding that Mr. Vashon had been a student at law in the office of the late Hon. Walter Forward; that he had subsequently practiced law in the State of New York; that he was of good moral character, etc.] After that report had been made to the Court, the case was put on the argument list, and Saturday, February 22d was fixed for the hearing.

Judge Stowe—Is Mr. Vashon still a resident of this city?

Judge Shannon—I understand that he still retains his residence here. He had obtained temporary employment in Washington city, as solicitor for the Freedmen's Bureau, to await the action of this court in regard to his admission to the bar. I do not understand that he has permanently removed from the city.

If the court please, I will only state the principal grounds on which the application has been based, and when these arguments shall have been advanced by those gentlemen who are opposed to the admission of Mr. Vashon, I shall claim the privilege of a reply.

In the first place, I claim that Mr. Vashon is a native and a citizen of Pennsylvania, and entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities of a native of this Commonwealth. He is a son of our State. He was born not merely a freeman, but a citizen. Under the old Constitution, article third, he had the right to vote and hold office.

Judge Stowe—The Supreme Court had decided that the negro had no right to vote under the old Constitution or hold office.

Judge Shannon—Well, however that may be, by the new Constitution colored citizens were simply denied the right to vote and hold office. The colored man was not denied the right of citizenship. He is a citizen, could sue and be sued; could hold property; could make a will; could be a witness in court, etc. The right to vote and hold office was denied him. Hence, I hold, that, as a citizen of Pennsylvania, by the terms of the Constitution, he has a right to go that far. The rules of this Court do not require the applicant to be a citizen of the State. The qualifications for admission are, that the applicant shall be a citizen of the United States, and of the State, and of good moral character. Who shall gainsay that? I would like to hear an argument on that point, as it has been intimated that the question is a mooted one. Among other things, the Revised Bill declares that all persons born in any State or territory are citizens of the United States. Mr. Vashon, then, was not only a citizen of the State, but he was an accomplished scholar, and learned in the science and practice of the law. He had studied under that distinguished lawyer and statesman, the Hon. Walter Forward, but had been unfortunately driven from his native State, in search of that health which he now enjoys. He is guaranteed him in the Declaration of Independence. When he had gone to New York, we find him coming triumphantly through an examination under the searching scrutiny of Judge Daniel and James T. Hughes, a gentleman as fastidious, perhaps, as any of my fellow members of this bar, and equally as jealous of their professional honor and dignity." Not only did Mr. Vashon pass that examination, but he was at once admitted to practice as an attorney of the Supreme Court of New York.

Judge Stowe—There is no Supreme Court of New York, in the sense in which you use the term.

Judge Shannon—That is the term they use in the certificate.

Judge Stowe—It does not, however, correspond to the Supreme Court of our State.

Judge Shannon—Well, that is immaterial. He had been examined by a Board of Examiners, consisting of three of the most learned counsellors of the United States. He comes out triumphantly from the ordeal, and that city, as well as Columbus, sent her to that city, where she is now supposed to be. She is the daughter of wealthy and respectable parents, who are offering a liberal reward for her return to them. It is understood that she has changed her name to that of Mary Park, and that her intellect is not very bright."

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What does Mr. Vashon ask here? Merely permission to follow his profession, and earn a living for himself and his family. Gentlemen say to him, "You have no right here; you have no right to make a living at this bar." Will your Honors sanction these declarations? Will this Court say that he has no such right? Strange arguments, indeed, to which I have just listened. It is asserted that because Mr. Vashon has been spending long years in studying history, science, mathematics—studies necessary for and akin to that of the law—he is therefore not qualified for admission to the bar! His very absence from the city, rendered necessary by the delay in disposing of his case, is flung in the teeth of his counsel, and he is said to be N. E. I.

Judge Stowe—Has he not gone away with his family.

Judge Shannon—It may be so, but not with the intention of remaining. He does not lose his citizenship any more than Gen. Moorhead or any member of Congress, who resides in Washington for a time, intending to return.

Judge Stowe—A reasonable presumption would be that he has gone to stay, when he takes his family along, and that is why I asked the question.

Judge Shannon—I look upon this application as a grave and solemn thing, deeply affecting not only the rights of my client, but the rights of hundreds and thousands of his race. I shall say nothing about the prejudices to which the gentlemen have alluded. I leave that with their mental constitution and their conscience. I give them credit for honesty and sincerity, and only ask the same at their hands. The negroes were not disqualified from carrying our flag and using our muskets in the hour of the nation's peril, and I had thought that, again prejudices to which the gentlemen alluded had almost been forgotten since the rebellion. But I have already occupied more time than I intended, and shall leave the case in your hands.

OTHER REMARKS.

Winfield S. Purviance, Esq., rose and was about to speak, when Judge Stowe reminded him that Mr. Shannon was to conclude the argument.

Col. L. B. Duff rose to speak, but the same objection was urged.

Thomas M. Marshall, Esq., proposed to say something on the general subject, but Judge Stowe suggested it might be best to hear nothing outside the case, although he had no objection to listening to all the gentleman had to say.

REMARKS OF MR. PURVIANCE.

W. S. Purviance, Esq., said: Color ought to have nothing to do with this case. When gentlemen ask to be protected from competition with negroes, and from the danger of becoming intimate with them from association, as was feared by those opposing Mr. Vashon's admission, I was perfectly willing that the Court should decide the application purely on those principles.

COL. DUFF'S REMARKS.

District Attorney Duff said: If the only objection is that of prejudice, founded only on color, I think the Court should admit the applicant, provided his character and qualifications are sufficiently established.

MR. MARSHALL'S REMARKS.

Thomas M. Marshall, Esq., said: I have not heard all the arguments in this case, and do not understand the technicalities involved. I have been permitted, however, since coming in, to glance over the notes of one of the reporters, and from what I could makeout of the very bad writing, I conclude that *prejudice* is the only thing at issue. I wish to say here, and understand me as saying it under the sanction of my oath as an attorney, and with all due fidelity to this Court, that in my opinion the MAN who is mentally and morally qualified, is justly entitled to admission to the bar. The color of his skin should not bar him. The citizens of one State are entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities of the people of other States. Black men practice in the Supreme Court of the United States, in Massachusetts, and elsewhere, and the question is, whether this Court should conform to this principle. I know nothing about this case; but, if a man comes here, of any color, black, and can show himself being duly qualified, I say admit him, because this is a Court of *justice*. I do not want to be misunderstood on this point. I hope that the provision prohibiting black men from practicing in Pittsburgh may be abolished in this State. I favor the admission of any man duly qualified, without regard to his color. As to the argument of his friend Bailey, about throwing missiles at negroes, it reminded me of the Irishman who had already read, and which he related with good effect. The point was that white men, before throwing books or inkstands at the heads of negroes, generally took a very careful survey of the physical proportions of the black man, to see what chance two could play at, and the argument did not amount to anything. The great question is: Is the man fit to discriminate between right and wrong; to elucidate truth and controvert error? What is the test of the law? The best or the poorest, weak instruments in the hands of Providence, with very little occasion to boast of our superiority over others. I hope in God this court will not refuse to admit any man on account of his color. If this is all in the way, I say, *admit the man.*

The argument here closed, and the court adjourned—the big ball having struck three just as Mr. Vashon's name was called. The decision of the court will be announced hereafter.

Transfers of Real Estate.

The following deeds were received by Recorder Snively on Friday, February 21:

David Reed to Margaret W. Black, July 22d, 1856; lot in Ninth ward, Pittsburgh, No. 68, Fifth street, with plan, fronting 24 feet, depth 90 feet.....$ 1

N. Jones to Mrs. Jane McElroy, February 20, 1868; lot in Eighth ward, Pittsburgh, on Penn street, thirty-one by one hundred and twenty feet.....1,120

Joseph H. Dodge to Henry Sumwalt, Feb. 10, 1868; lot in Allegheny City, fronting twenty-six by one hundred and twenty-nine feet, more or less.....2,300

Same to same; same date; two lots in Manchester, one twenty-four feet on Washington street by one hundred and twenty feet deep, and the other ninety feet on Juniata street by one hundred and twenty feet deep.....3,600

Hugh Ward to John Ward, December 1, 1865; lot on Avery alley, Allegheny City, twenty by thirty feet.....415

C. H. Lee to W. H. Humbertson, July 1, 1865; lots 33 and 34, in Love's plan of lots, in South Fayette township.....350

Hershey & Johnson to James R. Mellor, February 21, 1868; lot in Elisa McDonnell's plan, on Pennsylvania avenue, twenty by sixty feet.....$ 600

John Scott to W. R. Bateman, February 24, 1868; lots 21, 22 and 23 in Wessock's plan of lots in Liberty township.....$1,050

Samuel Y. Kennedy to Eli Edmundson, February 18, 1868, lot in Mansfield, Scott township, containing about one acre.....$1,000

Moses H. Arnold to Hammel Minor, April 20, 1867; lot in Manchester, on Franklin street, 30x120 feet.....$975

Samuel B. Cuiley to Wm. C. Duesenberry, in-

Colonel Thomas M. Bayne said: I believe it a very essential thing for the members of this bar to speak their minds freely on this subject, for the satisfaction of the Court. I do not pretend to understand the technicalities of this case, but in my judgment the requisites and qualifications of the *man* are the things to be considered. His moral character and mental attainments should be looked at; not the color of his skin. I believe every negro is a citizen of the United States, and believe negroes are admissible to this bar, under the properly qualified. It is argued that, under the decision of Justice Gibson, the negro did not form a part of the social compact. Since Judge Gibson's decision, however, the negro has taken up arms in defense of the Union, and if that did not admit him to the social compact I confess I do not know what does. I think the authorities cited on the other side are not drawn from the right source. If the opponents in this argument take the ground that the negro is only a connecting link between the man and the monkey, then there might be something in their objections. But if they concede that the negro is an intelligent, reasonable being with capacity for intellectual improvement, then it becomes a question whether white people are to have an exclusive monopoly of the legal profession. I respect the infirmities of prejudice in my fellow-men as much as any bar, but I do not think they should be allowed to triumph over the great principle of universal manhood.

Judge Sterrett—We should be pleased to hear from any other member of the bar who may wish to speak on this subject. The question was, first, as to the legal citizenship of the applicant; and secondly, the discretion which the Court ought to exercise in the case.

There being no disposition manifested, on behalf of other of the bar to say anything further, Judge Shannon rose to answer the arguments of those opposed to the admission of Mr. Vashon.

JUDGE SHANNON'S REPLY.

If the Court please, I have a few words to say in reply to the arguments advanced in opposition to the position which I have assumed. I will not reply to any personal allusions, further than to say that in the whole matter, I have acted in courtesy, in the exercise of my right, and under a sense of duty. I have been as erroneously charged, acted through political or sinister motives, but in good faith. If there has been delay, the fault does not lie at my door. The committee will bear me out in this. I sought not this client; he came to me. I knew no reason under Heaven why I should drive him from my door. For will I now, I scorn to make any personal allusions, of an offensive character, but it is a fact well known that there are persons admitted to this bar who can neither spell nor parse. My client is a scholar. I represent no ragamuffin, but a gentleman of character and ability. But, ah! the objection is *not* to his mental capacity or moral qualifications, but to the color of his skin! The technical objection is, that he has no certificate from the Judge before whom he last practiced. I made enquiries as to this, and found that the Judge was in his grave. But what does the technical objection amount to? It is only necessary that he produce such a certificate, and that report is entitled to respect. Have we not made out such a case as appeals to the discretion of the Court?

Judge Stowe—The discretion is to be exercised *after* the certificate is offered. If there is no certificate, there can be no discretion under the rule.

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GREAT CROW ROOST IN KENTUCKY.

Remarkable Crow Phenomenon.

LEXINGTON, KY., February 20, 1868.

One of the most remarkable sights in Kentucky is the crow roost, seven miles from Lexington, on the Danville pike. The roost is so old that the mind of the oldest inhabitant of the blue grass region runneth not to the contrary. Many years ago the roost was nearer Lexington, but as the trees were cut away the crows moved southward, always seeking the next piece of timber. At the present there are no large forests in the country near the city, and many pieces of timber have been called into requisition to lodge their black highnesses. Hundreds sleep in the open fields for want of a limb, and the wrangle over a desirable bed in a treetop is something fearful. By the amount of cawing and jawing done every evening, we should think the question of reconstructing the roost, or moving it altogether, was under discussion. Whether the crows will ever abandon their ancient roost is a matter of some doubt, but judging by the fact that hundreds, if not to say thousands, have already given up the trees and roost on the ground, we incline to the opinion that when there are no more trees all will content themselves with a bed on mother earth. A gentleman, who lives near the roost, and who has a fine locust grove in front of his house, was surprised one evening to see it black with crows. For a time it all went well, but the roost became popular, and every evening there was a wrangle to see who would get it. As the desirable place would hold only a few hundreds, and there were some thousands who nightly applied for lodging, the noise and confusion became intolerable. Sometimes in the middle of the night an over-loaded limb would break and then a battle would ensue, lasting not unfrequently until daylight. Tired out with the din that banished the idea of sleep, one night the old fellow and his son sallied out with shot-guns and slew some hundreds of their annoying visitors. Next morning the crows were all gone, and returned no more to that grove.

The other evening we drove out of the roost, and witnessed a sight we shall not soon forget. It was four o'clock when we arrived on the grounds, and already the crowds had begun to arrive. At sundown they were coming from all directions, and long lines continued entering the woods from every quarter until dark. Each flock had its flier or leader, who flew over the tree-tops until he found his roost, when the head of the column lighted, the rest circling round and round and winding themselves about the chief. Only a few crows would light on the same tree where the leader lighted, from which fact we judged he is a sort of aristocrat with the common herd, and that the persons who slept on his tree were his royal family and crows high in authority in the flock. Whether we imagined it or not, certain it is that on one tree only two or three crows sat, who kept up an incessant cawing, and every now and then one would quit the tree, and, after flying to an approaching flock, would return and apparently report to an old fellow who sat on the topmost branch, and never quitted his position, but kept flapping his wings and constantly grumbling about something. He may have been the king of all the crow nation, and we regretted exceedingly that we did not understand the crow language, so we could report him correctly to the many readers of the *Commercial*. At times the venerable cuss spoke in a highly excited and guttural tone, and, if we may be allowed to judge by his motions, he was considerable of a tyrant in his governmental affairs. The crows did not seem afraid of us, and were evidently used to human visitors. We drove up quite close to trees standing beneath their weight, but these birds, usually so shy, did not mind as much until my companion imitated the explosion of a gun, when a scene that beggars description followed. Instantly cries rose from all parts of the wood, and thousands of crows flew into the air, circling round and round us, cawing vociferously. At times the noise was so great that although sitting side by side in the buggy, we had to speak loudly in order to be heard by each other. Having raised great distress among our black friends, we drove off, but for miles saw flocks in the air still coming to roost. The rustle of the wings in flying was one of the most peculiar sounds we ever heard, a large flock passing slightly over our heads, we paused to listen, and could compare the noise to nothing but the flutter of a million fans, or the rumpling of vast pieces of silk. Although the crows will not abandon their roost, it is a most annoying one, the boys from the city and adjoining farms frequently going out with dogs and guns and killing hundreds of them. On a dark night they will not fly from a torch, and if it is wet and drizzly you can hardly start them up. A double-barreled shot gun or an old musket loaded with slugs, when fired off under a large tree, has been known to bring down as many as forty birds. This inhuman murder is frequently practiced by the youngsters, who make bets on how many crows they can bring down at a single shot. If startled out of their sleep, the crows fly from tree to tree, and seem quite helpless, losing in the night time all that cunning which characterizes them in day light. When the firing continues for any time, they will fly into the open fields and there sleep until day light. As soon as the day begins to break, they quit their roost and go, no one knows where. It has been estimated that a crow will fly a hundred miles for his breakfast, and return after supper, and we have not the least doubt that many of the crows who sleep in Kentucky are citizens of Ohio and Illinois. We think that about one million crows sleep at the Church Roost, and about the last of March they will leave us and scatter themselves over the Northern States, returning again next fall to spend the winter with us. A gentleman who has closely observed them for many years, says that every year they decrease in numbers, that they are slowly passing away, and, in time, like the poor Indian, will become a defunct race on this continent.—*Cin. Commercial.*

The Trial for Preaching the Gospel.

The trial of the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, jr., an Episcopal minister, of New York, for preaching in a Methodist house of worship in New Jersey, was concluded on Wednesday, by his father, who made an able argument in behalf of his son. The character of the speech can be inferred from the following extract, which we make at random:

"If it please the court, I am merely here arguing the great principles involved under which the respondent has been brought to answer. On this point I beg you to consider in this general aspect the injustice and injury which such a proceeding must inevitably result in if the issues be obtained either in destroying the character of the bishop or that of the clergyman. It brands the clergyman as a criminal on the declared opinion of his bishop before the trial is heard. The action of the bishop, so far as is gone, has already inflicted a wound on the character of the bishop and of the clergyman which no time can ever heal. It inevitably stamps the clergyman as a criminal, or the bishop as oppressor. Such a proceeding rifles an injury and arouses feelings which the future cannot heal or allay. It compels the congregation to declare for themselves the question whether their pastor is guilty or a persecuted man—whether they will adhere to their pastor or renounce him. And again, it involves another question—whether the bishop can ever appear in this congregation as the accepted and venerated overseer of the flock submitted to his care. The action of human affection does not depend on the process of time or the result of argument. The congregation will decide immediately, without waiting for the slow process of trial, whether they believe the pastor a hypocrite or a person still worthy of their esteem and respect. If they believe their pastor guilty of conduct for which he ought to be tried and punished, he is in reality punished already. What is there on earth for a Christian minister whose character has been ruthlessly wrested from him? As a minister of the Gospel his ministration for good is gone forever and his power of good is destroyed, and no trial can ever restore him to that. He is apparently doomed for life under the destructive power of the imputation which his bishop has heaped upon him. If, on the other hand, he is not guilty the whole proceedings mark the bishop as an unjust oppressor, and the whole paternal office of the bishop is cast away, and never again can he appear in that church or before the people as the former object of that flock's welcome, favor and regard. May it please the court, considering the solemnity of the occasion, the inevitable exclusion of the whole of these proceedings is, that the whole trial is an absurd and disgraceful proceeding, founded on mere local questions which have been carried into the bosom of the Church by episcopal authority for the purpose of keeping up the spleen of controversialists under the guise of great moral principles, and for the purpose of keeping up a spirit of formalism. Whatever disgraceful conduct the eminent counsel for the prosecution may consider there might have been committed in the preaching of the gospel, though protested against in the city of New Brunswick, it dwindles into insignificance when compared with the disgraceful conduct of this combination of exalted personages and in their hostility to destroy a youth, who claims that he preached the gospel according to the will of his Divine Master, though forbidden by the will of man. His disgrace, if any attaches, will soon be forgotten; the disgrace of his persecutors will abide as long as the Church remains and their names are recorded in its history."

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BUSINESS CHANGES.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.—The firm of SMITHSON, PALMER & CO., have this day, January 9th, 1868, been dissolved by mutual consent, J. S. Palmer and Thomas Phillips having sold their entire interest to J. S. Vanhook and J. Bruce McClelland. The business of the concern will be settled only by the parties hereto by H. B. SMITHSON, J. C. VANHOOK, and J. BRUCE McCLELLAND, under the firm name of SMITHSON, VANHOOK & McCLELLAND.
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WE CHEERFULLY RECOMMEND to the favorable consideration of our former patrons our successors, who will continue the business at the old stand, 55 and 57 Fifth street.
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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between MICHAEL DUFINE and FRANZ SCHAFER, Shoemakers, was by mutual consent dissolved on the 15th of December last. Persons having claims against the late firm must present them to MICHAEL DUFINE for settlement, and persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said firm must make their payments to him.
MICHAEL DUFINE,
FRANZ SCHAFER.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.
The Copartnership heretofore existing between JOSEPH PAEK and W. H. BRILL, under the firm name of PAEK & BRILL, was dissolved on the 17th day of February, 1868. The accounts of the late firm will be settled at the old stand, Alcohony city, by
W. H. BRILL.

NOTICE.
WM. METCALF, formerly of CHAS. KNAP NEPHEWS, is a member of our Firm, to date from January 1st, 1868, SAM'L. DUFF retiring. Style of firm name as before.
MILLER, BARR & PARKIN.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS
FOR TOWING SALT.
SEALED PROPOSALS for Towing all the Salt manufactured by the OHIO RIVER SALT CO., in the year 1868, will be received up to 10 o'clock A. M. on WEDNESDAY, the 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 1868.
The Ohio River Salt Company to furnish good seaworthy barges, and to load the salt. The party contracting will be required to furnish three or more good and sufficient crew boats—for the salt, pay no fees, wharfage, watching, and all other expenses, except on salt unloaded at Maysville, Covington and Louisville, Ky., Portsmouth, Ripley and Cincinnati, O., and Madison, Jeffersonville and New Albany, Ind.
The salt will be in barrels of either 7 bushels or 280 lbs, and proposals should state price per barrel of either size to each of the following places:

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St. Louis, Missouri;	Memphis, Tennessee;
Madison, Indiana;	Nashville, Tennessee;
Jeffersonville, Indiana;	Cairo, Illinois;
New Albany, Indiana;	Alton, Illinois;
Evansville, Indiana;	Quincy, Illinois;

The minimum stage of water that the tow boats will be required to run will be when the locks can leave Pomeroy safely with tows drawing three and one-half (3½) feet of water, and when the locks as they can reasonably be expected to reach with barges of that draught, the barges to be returned without delay to the parties towing for the Company's boat yard, at Middleport, Ohio.
The Ohio River Salt Company will, so far as possible, give reasonable tows, though they will not positively contract full tows to each point.
The Ohio River Salt Company reserve the right to reject all the bids. Separate bids for either the up river or down river towing will be received, or both may be combined. Empty barges to be returned, without delay, from points below Louisville to Louisville whenever there shall not be less than (3) three feet of water in the channel. Empty barges to be returned from Louisville and points above Louisville to Pomeroy whenever there are (30) thirty inches of water in the channel. Bids will not be received unless in conformity with this advertisement.
The party to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give bonds with satisfactory security for the faithful performance of his contract.
Proposals must be addressed to Hon. V. B. Horton, Pomeroy, Ohio, marked, "Proposals for Salt Towing."
OHIO RIVER SALT CO.,
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PROPOSALS will be received by the BIRMINGHAM GAS COMPANY for
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For a Gas Holder, the excavation to be about 90 feet in diameter by 24 feet in depth.
Also, for LAYING A STONE WALL around the sides of said Tank, three feet in width at the bottom by two feet at the top and twenty-four feet in height. Said wall to be built of good, large sized stone, and thoroughly filled in with mortar.
Further proposals are desired for furnishing about 180,000 BRICK, and Laying a Wall and Floor within the above named stone wall.
The best quality of hard brick will be required, and they must be carefully laid in cement the latter to be furnished by the Gas Company. The entire work subject at all times to the inspection and approval of the Gas Company, who also reserve the right to refuse all bids received.
Proposals should be sent to the office of the Company, in Birmingham, where the lot to be excavated will be shown, and further information given.
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE ROBERT BLUM BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF ALLEGHENY CITY FOR A CHARTER, No. 845, March Term, 1868.
Notice is hereby given that an application has been made to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny county, by the Robert Blum Building and Loan Association, of Allegheny City, for a Charter, that an Instrument in writing specifying the objects, articles, conditions and name, style or title under which they have been associated, has executed and filed in the Prothonotary's Office, and if no sufficient reason is shown to the contrary, said Charter will be granted at the next term of this Court.
BY THE COURT.
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HARRISBURG, December 18, 1867.
NOTICE
TO THE
HOLDERS OF THE
LOANS
OF THE
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
DUE JULY 1st, 1868.
THE FOLLOWING
LOANS,
DUE JULY 1st, 1868,
WILL BE REDEEMED WITH INTEREST
TO DATE OF PAYMENT ON PRESENTATION AT THE
FARMERS' AND MECHANICS'
NATIONAL BANK,
OF
PHILADELPHIA.
VIZ:
LOAN OF MARCH 27, 1839, DUE JULY 1, 1868.
LOAN OF JULY 19, 1839, DUE JULY 1, 1868.
Interest on the above Loans will cease on the 1st OF JULY, 1868,
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THE LATEST.

Situation Discussed in Cabinet.

Stanton Still in His Department.

Writ of Quo Warranto to be Applied For

The Question to be Determined Legally Only.

Hon. Thos. Ewing, Sr., for Secretary of War.

Impeachment Project Still Popular.

Gen. G. H. Thomas's Appointments.

He Has All the Honors He Wants.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 23, 1868.

The feeling and excitement over the events of yesterday and the coming events of to-morrow, have made Sunday an unusually interesting day in Washington. The President's house has been thronged all day by his friends, while Mr. Stanton's levee at the department was at one time so great that it was found impossible for members to get into the room where it was held.

At 11 A. M. there was a meeting of the Cabinet, and the situation freely discussed. Secretary Seward and Attorney General Stanberry remained long in conference after the other members had departed. It is learned officially that the President directed Mr. Stanberry to apply to-morrow to the proper court for a writ of *quo warranto* for the purpose of requiring Mr. Stanton to show by what authority he continues to hold on to the Department. The President, it is further learned at the White House has made out the nomination of Hon. Thos. Ewing, Sr., of Ohio, to be Secretary of War, and will send it to the Senate to-morrow. This does not seem to be intended to solve the present difficulty, for Mr. Johnson repeatedly stated to-day it was his intention, by legal process he was about to institute, to test the legality of the civil tenure act, and that he did not intend to resort to force to get the War Office.

Secretary Stanton is still at the War Department, and refuses to leave his office day or night, sleeping and eating there, and to all intents and purposes is one of the fixtures of the establishment.

A number of newspaper gentlemen called upon Gen. Lorenzo Thomas to-day, and found him quite sociably and affably disposed, and willing to talk freely on the events of the past week and the probable results as affecting himself. He said he should go to the war office to-morrow to renew his demand for Mr. Stanton's portfolio. It was suggested that he might be met by a sentry at the door, to which he replied that he was too much of a soldier to attempt to pass a sentry. In reply to the question what he would do if Mr. Stanton refused to give up the office, he said he would have no personal controversy with Mr. Stanton in any event. He regarded his appointment as a purely civil one, and not a military one. He said he had employed counsel to defend him in the action brought against him by Mr. Stanton. General Thomas denied the report that he was intoxicated when arrested, and complained that injustice had been done him in the newspapers in this matter. He also denied the statement that Mr. Stanton had on any occasion denied admittance to the War office. He felt convinced he was lawful Secretary of War, and that the President had a right to issue the commission he held. He understood that the clerks of the War Department had said they would not obey his orders. But he hoped this was not true, as he did not want to discharge anybody. The following was asked:

Question—Did Mr. Stanton give you reason to believe at your first interview with him on Friday when he said he wanted time to pack up his papers, that he intended to peaceably resign the Secretaryship?

Answer—Yes, he undoubtedly meant then to leave quietly.

General Thomas said he only had been at the War Department twice since receiving his appointment. Gen. Grant was present when he presented the draft of his appointment. Gen. Thomas offered this order to Gen. Grant. Gen. Grant said—"Is this order addressed to me?" "No," said Gen. Thomas, "but I meant to see you at your office, and I exhibit this order now that you may read it." Grant read it carefully and handed it back without reply.

Robert J. Walker waited upon Thomas after his arrest, saying that as his friend he felt it his duty to inform him that General Grant alone had power to circulate orders to the army, according to the terms of the law. Gen. Thomas replied that he was aware of that fact, and that his duties were confined to transmitting War Office orders to General Grant.

The President's friends are dissatisfied with the course pursued by Thomas, which has thus far had no tendency to bring the issue to trial before the courts. If Thomas had on Stanton's first refusal to deliver up the office applied for a writ of *quo warranto*, the case would immediately have come up in one of the District courts, from which it could have been appealed to the Supreme court if decided adversely to the President's views, and it would have had precedence over all other cases on the Supreme court docket. Thomas, however, permitted Stanton to take the initiative in the law, and the process commenced is a criminal and not a civil one. Under Judge Carter's warrant Thomas must be regularly indicted by a grand jury and tried at the next or some following term of the criminal court. It may not come up for a year yet.

The condition of the impeachment project has not changed since last night. News comes today that anti-impeachment Republican meetings will be held in the principal cities to-morrow, and that attempts will be made in behalf of the business interests to stop the movement in Congress, but from present indications every Republican in the House, with two exceptions, will vote for the resolution of impeachment now before the House.

Your correspondent, in conversation with a leading Senator to-day, asked if the resolution passed in executive session on Friday night, declaring the President to have acted illegally and unconstitutionally, did not commit those who voted for it to the conviction of the President. The Senator replied he thought not, though unquestionably it looked that way.

Question—But if the President is guilty of an illegal and unconstitutional act, as the Senate has already declared, must you not convict him?

Answer—Not necessarily. It all depends on the intention of it. Can it be shown that the President intended only to test the law in a peaceful way, he will not be impeached. If, however, he contemplated the forcible ejection of Stanton he will be impeached.

Question—The President declared to the correspondent of the COMMERCIAL two weeks ago that he had no other intention than to test the case in the courts. Would such declaration as that be sufficient to clear him?

Answer—No; it must be proved by his actions and his orders to Thomas.

Gen. Thomas Declines.

Gen. George H. Thomas telegraphed to-day to Senators that he had received in his opinion all the promotions and honors that he merited, and that he had respectfully declined the nominations of Lieutenant General, and General by Brevet, and hoped the Senate would reject them. He was assured by telegraph that his wishes would be complied with.

Counsel from Friends.

Both the President and Mr. Stanton have been in receipt of dispatches from their respective friends in various portions of the country, asking them to stand firm.

S. P. Q. A.

The following is a speech from Philadelphia, dated last night. "The great flag of the Union League will, to-morrow, float from their temple on Broad street, inscribed with the initials, S. P. Q. A., uttered from the Roman initials in the proudest days of the Republic, meaning, 'The Senate and the People of America.'

Unfounded Rumors.

The excitement to-night was increased by the issue of an extra by one of the Washington papers, containing the wildest rumors, in brief, to the effect that the marines had been ordered to dislodge Stanton; that the President had ordered the arrest of General Grant, etc., but they are of course utterly false. Secretary Stanton was also informed on what he regarded good authority that he would be dislodged by military force. But the course of the President will be exactly as has been telegraphed you, the facts having been obtained from him as to his course.

General Thomas to be Rearrested.

It is learned late to-night that it has been determined to again arrest General Thomas for a second violation of the civil law by attempting to regain possession of the War Department yesterday afternoon. The proper oath of the facts has been made and an application for another writ will probably be made to-morrow morning.

An Official Denial.

The President to-night, in response to the direct inquiry, positively contradicted the rumor that he had called for either soldiers or marines to enable him to obtain possession of the War Department, and also denied the rumor that he intended to send in any explanatory message of his course to Congress to-morrow.

Indorsement of Secretary Stanton.

Mr. Stanton late to-night received a telegram from the Missouri Republican Convention, indorsing his course and pledging him their support.

To Western Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, February 23.—The city continues in a state of feverish excitement, owing to the pending impeachment of the President, and every body who takes an interest in public affairs is anxiously awaiting new developments. In the absence of facts, rumors gain currency and from time to time, as they are exploded, new ones are invented to take their places, such as the alleged arrest of General Grant. All these excite but do not satisfy the constant demand at the hotels and in Congressional circles and elsewhere for the latest intelligence. The Executive Mansion was visited in the course of the day by Secretary Seward, Adjutant General Thomas, and a number of Democratic members of Congress.

Republican Senators and Representatives, including Messrs. Conkling, Chandler, Thayer, Wade, Morgan, Judd, Farnsworth, Logan, and Boutwell repaired to the War Department. It is reliably ascertained that the conversation between them and the Secretary of War, being on pending political topics, led to a comparison of notes, which left no doubt in their minds that on the impeachment question the Republicans will act as a unit. It was not known to them that even one member would falter and desert his party, and their general impression is that the President will not only be impeached, but tried, convicted and removed from office within the next ten days. The ground they take is, that the Republicans cannot now avoid the issue which they say the President has forced on them, and that having taken the first step they must prosecute the work to a speedy conclusion. Nothing was said about the employment of troops by the opponents of the President. No one present could anticipate any event which would render it necessary especially as they thought the President could not obtain a military force to sustain him.

These gentlemen, who had conversations with Mr. Stanton, gave assurance that they would stand by him to the last, having no doubt of success of their cause. There is much earnestness and determination expressed by all of the Republicans who converse upon the subject. Their speeches may be regarded as evidence of feeling which generally prevails in the minds of members of that party in Congress, certainly in the House of Representatives.

Secretary Stanton has not left the War Department since last Friday, his Congressional friends having urged him to remain as long as possible. He, however, contemplates going home after the House shall have impeached the President, as the belief among them is that the latter will then be in the minority in public opinion, and will make no effort to thwart the will of Congress, whose authority they say will be supported by Gen. Grant under the law, the functions of the Executive being suspended in effect pending trial.

Gen. Emory, who commands the Department of Washington, it is said by the Republicans, will subject himself to the immediate orders only of the army, and not to those of the President. The guard at the War Department has been doubled. Col. Carr, of Gen. Emory's staff, remained there last night by order of Gen. Grant.

The President is in receipt of letters and telegrams giving him assurance of approbation and support, and the Republicans are constantly being encouraged in a similar manner to unfalteringly execute the work they have undertaken.

The President to-day directed an application to be made to the court to-morrow for a *mandamus* to compel Stanton, with a view of making Mr. Stanton show under authority by which he retains possession of the War Department.

The message which Colonel Moore, acting private secretary of the President, carried to the Senate yesterday, but was prevented from delivering, in the early adjournment of that body, was the nomination of Hon. Thomas Ewing, Sr., of Ohio, as Secretary of War. His name will be sent to the Senate to-morrow.

It is stated that Attorney General Stanbery, Judge Black and Charles O'Connor, Esq., will defend the President before the Senate.

Major General George H. Thomas has telegraphed here declining proffered brevets of Lieutenant General and General, etc.

NEW YORK, February 25.—The *Times'* Washington special says Stanton has retained Hon. Matthew H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin, to appear in the case against Gen. Thomas, and it is probable Attorney General Stanberry will be directed by the President to appear for General Thomas, in addition to Messrs. Bradley and Merrick. Stanton remains in the office of the War Department to-night, and proposes to remain there till he can safely leave. It is believed that the Supreme Court will be appealed to on Monday on behalf of General Thomas for relief.

WASHINGTON, February 22.

COUNTERFEIT SEVEN-THIRTIES.

Counterfeit 7-30 Treasury notes of the denomination of one thousand dollars, dated June 15, 1865, differ ng materially in the run of numbers within which those originally presented were included, are being forwarded to the Treasury in Washington, asking conversion. The public are therefore notified that all notes of the issue of June 15th, 1865, should be immediately forwarded to the Department for conversion.

WEEKLY TREASURY STATEMENT.

Fractional currency printed for the week, $544,462; shipped, $486,472; National bank notes issued, $121,850; amount in circulation $299,670,176; currency redeemed and destroyed, $265,000. The Second National Bank of Dayton, Ohio, has ceased to be a depository of public moneys and financial agent of the United States.

DEMOCRATIC DINNER.

August Belmont and other members of the Democratic National Committee were entertained by the President at a delegate dinner to-night.

KENTUCKY.

The Democratic State Convention.

LOUISVILLE, February 23.—The Kentucky Democratic Convention met at Frankfort yesterday, and was numerously attended. The Convention was permanently organized by the election of the Hon. Jesse D. Bright, as chairman, and M. T. Chrisman as Secretary. Hon. J. A. Stevens was nominated for Governor by acclamation. The following gentlemen were chosen delegates to the National Democratic Convention for the State at large: R. H. Stanton, W. Preston, J. A. Spaulding, J. G. Carlisle; Alternates—Norvin Green, T. H. Hines, W. B. Reed, David Merriwether. First District—Wills B. Lechen, Hon. J. A. Flournoy; alternates, H. N. Carson, C. D. Delaney. Second—Gano Henry, C. B. Vance; alternates, H. D. McHenry, A. J. Dennis. Third—J. P. Bates, A. J. Kay; alternates, W. L. Delany, Jr. F. L. Williams. Fourth—Hon. A. Graves, C. S. Mattingly; alternates J. P. Barber, Judge Joseph Forse. Fifth—T. L. Jefferson, Littleton Cooke; alternates, Thomas T. Hawkins, William S. Pryor. Sixth—Lucius Desha, F. A. Boyd; alternates, H. K. Ratcherd, John M. Farber. Seventh—Benjamin F. Buckner, J. Warren Grigsby; alternates, James B. Churrill, Percy Norville. Eighth—Edward Turner, James B. McCreary; alternates, J. B. Burdet, Levi Jackson. Ninth—George Hamilton, A. L. Martin; alternates, O. C. Bowles, Thomas Turner.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the platform of principles adopted by the Convention of the 1st of May, 1866, and adopted by the Convention of the 4th of February, 1867, is hereby reaffirmed by the Democracy of Kentucky.

Second, That the unconditional restoration of the Southern States to the full and equal enjoyment of their rights in the Federal Union is indispensable to the peace, happiness and prosperity of the country.

Third, That a declaration of universal suffrage demanded by every consideration of statesmanship, patriotism and justice, and by which the entire subjugation as a single one of her sons is deprived of any right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and of this Commonwealth.

Fourth, That this Convention, in obedience to the voice of the people of Kentucky, hereby presents as the Hon George H. Pendleton as their choice for President of the National Convention, and delegates to the National Convention are hereby instructed to use all honorable means to secure his nomination and to vote as a unit therefor. Believing, however, the highest confidence in their wisdom and discretion, and believing that the success of the Democratic party is essential to the preservation of constitutional liberty, we hereby tender the support of the Democracy of Kentucky, an earnest support to the nominee of the Convention.

RECONSTRUCTION.

Mississippi Convention.

JACKSON, February 23.—The Convention today adopted a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of three to visit Washington and lay before Gen. Grant and other functionaries the true condition of affairs in Mississippi. Also, to negotiate a loan of one hundred thousand dollars if necessary. The committee consists of Gen. Grant, Gen. Fisher, Judge Sharkey, Lieutenant Governor Gholson, Fourth—E. A. Graves, C. B. Mattingly; alternates J. P. Barber, Judge Joseph Forse, Fifth—T. L. Jefferson, Littleton Cooke; alternates, Thomas T. Hawkins, William S. Pryor. Sixth—Lucius Desha, F. A. Boyd; alternates, H. K. Ratcherd, John M. Farber. Seventh—Benjamin F. Buckner, J. Warren Grigsby; alternates, James B. Churrill, Percy Norville. Eighth—Edward Turner, James B. McCreary; alternates, J. B. Burdet, Levi Jackson. Ninth—George Hamilton, A. L. Martin; alternates, O. C. Bowles, Thomas Turner.

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MEXICO.

Gen. Navarro Imprisoned---Battle at Huasco---Organization of Financial Department.

HAVANA, February 21.—A steamer has arrived from Vera Cruz. General Diaz has been granted unlimited leave of absence, in consequence of the accident at Oxaca, from which he is slowly recovering.

At the capital, Sanchez Navarro was thrown into prison. The cause of his arrest is not made public.

The Supreme Court of Mexico was opened on the 11th inst.

Accounts from the colony of ex-Confederates at Guatavan are favorable.

Eight Spaniards were expelled from the capital as dangerous characters.

The subject of kidnapping was dicussed in Congress.

In a battle at Huasco between the regular troops and bandits, twenty of the latter were killed.

Senor Romero was organizing the finances. The debts of the French nation will be compromised. Mexico will not recognize the intervention of France. The Government will send a Minister to Italy.

NEW YORK, February 23.—The *Herald's* Havana special says the Mexican Government has bought $170,000 of English convention bonds, and $317,000 of the debt at thirteen cents on the dollar.

The American legion are to receive $300 each. They were leaving the country singly.

The revolt in Sinaloa has become serious, and more troops were sent to General Corona. The rebels number 2,500, and are within twenty miles of Mazatlin, where Corona is in command of the national forces.

Advices from Yucatan are to the 14th. The rebels still occupied several places, having 1,800 troops, and expected to make a desperate resistance. The prisoners taken are to be tried, and will probably be condemned to death.

THE DEMOCRACY.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

New York the Place--July 4th the Time.

Serenade to Senator-Elect Thurman.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 22, 1868.

The National Democratic Executive Committee met here at noon to-day. Nearly all of the members were present. August Belmont, of New York, Chairman, called the meeting to order, and F. O. Prince, of Boston, acted as Secretary. The Chairman stated that this Committee, appointed by the Chicago Convention of 1864, had met to designate the time and place for holding the next National Democratic Convention. After discussion, during which the Ohio and Missouri members urged the selection of St. Louis and Cincinnati, a ballot was taken.

The first ballot showed that New York was stronger than any other city, and that unless the Western men could agree among themselves and unite upon some place, they would be beaten. New York received nine votes; St. Louis, four; Cincinnati, two; Indianapolis, two, and Cleveland, three out of the twenty-eight votes cast. Four ballots were cast, New York strengthening on each. The fourth was New York, seventeen, so New York city was chosen; St. Louis, seven.

The Fourth of July was selected as the time for meeting without any disagreement.

There was considerable debate over the selection of a city, but no want of harmony and no dissatisfaction was expressed at the result in the Convention, though the outside influence which was strongly in favor of Cincinnati and St. Louis, very bitterly expressed their disappointment.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at Tammany Hall in New York, at ten o'clock on the morning of the 4th of July.

To Western Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 22.—The only resolution adopted by the Democratic Committee was one declaring the call for the National Convention shall embrace all who are willing to aid in maintaining the Union and opposed to radicalism. Just previous to adjournment, General Ewing and some other members of the Soldiers and Sailors' Union were admitted, and formally announced to the President that they would call their convention to meet in New York at the same time. The last vote on the place was 17 for New York, 11 for St. Louis, August Belmont, F. O. Prince, W. A. Galbraith, W. J. Story, George H. Paul and Lewis V. Bogy were appointed a committee to draw up an address. They meet on Monday.

New York, February 23.—A Washington special to the *Herald* says it is confident the Committee as a body is opposed to Pendleton for the Presidency. Seymour is talked of by many representatives of Eastern States, but his claim assumed no definite shape. Senator Hendricks, of Indiana, will be pressed by his State. All propositions in favor of Gen. Hancock are met with the reply, "We don't want a soldier, we want a civilian." For Vice President the most marked and unanimous desire is manifested for John Quincey Adams.

Judge Thurman Serenaded.

The District Democrats to-night serenaded Judge Thurman, United Senator elect from Ohio. The hotel where he was stopping was tastefully decorated with tri-colored lauterns. After the music ceased, and in obedience to enthusiastic demonstrations of the crowd, Judge Thurman appeared, and spoke as follows:

Fellow Citizens: It is no affectation when I say that this compliment was wholly unexpected to me. Coming to the capital in a quiet way upon matters of professional business, the furthest thing in the world from my thoughts was the reception by the public, or by a guard, and I am exceedingly sorry that I am not able to-night to repay your kindness, as it is in my heart to do. I know that it is customary to repay, or endeavor to repay, such a compliment as this by a speech on such occasion, and I would afford me the highest pleasure to make such a speech to you to-night, if I were in a condition to do so: but I am so unfortunate to-night as to be suffering from a sore throat. You must allow me, then, to make my remarks very brief. This day, the anniversary of him who was called the Father of his Country, [applause] naturally suggests thoughts that it would be exceedingly pleasant to dwell upon, and it naturally suggests such thoughts that it would be extremely profitable for us all to consider. Had this country remembered his advices, had it given heed to his monition it would not be to-day the country it is. A voice: "And it will be." Had it hearkened to his warning against sectional prejudice and sectional party we would have never had civil war, [applause] and were we to-day to remember his injunction to love, cherish and revere the Union as he would have a restored Union and a harmonious country. [Great applause, and cheers for the Constitution.] But my friends, gloomy as are the clouds that hang over us, I for one do not despair of the Republic. I am full of hope, for, methinks, party that habitually disregards the Constitution can long maintain its power in this land. [Applause.] This is and ever has been a country of written constitutions. Often before the revolution the colonists, in the form of charters, or of the fundamental laws of the territorial government, had what in practical effect were written constitutions. Since the Declaration of Independence every State has had its—and some of them before it—written constitutions of government. Since 1789 the Federal Government had been based upon a written Constitution. So much are we accustomed to written constitutions that it is difficult for an American to conceive of any Government that does not rest upon a written constitution, and I believe, my friends, owing to the circumstances of the revolted and our habit of obeying the Constitution, that it is not entirely eradicated even by the terrible violation of the last few years. I say, therefore, that I am not without hope—standing firm by the Constitution, as our own country, determined to preserve it, is this mighty Democratic party, that reaches from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and determined to stand by it. What, but a little while ago was said that the party was dead. Well, I think that during the last year—the year 1867—which has scarcely passed away, it has proved about the liveliest corpse I have ever seen, [applause and laughter,] and I believe that before the Convention will very likely instruct the delegates to the National Convention to vote for Grant.

In the afternoon session of the Radical State Convention, permanent organization was effected by the election of Hiram Ketchum Smith as Chairman, with a Vice President from each Congressional District, and Captain Colby Secretary. The following delegates at large were elected: General Carl Schurz, Governor Fletcher, Edward Horn, Hon. A. Hahn. The regular delegates—First District, Thomas J. Daily and Weston Flint; Second, F. M. Craenbald and N. O. Owens; Third, George L. Theilrius, George A. Maser; Fourth, George L. Childrin; Fifth, Creighton Firth, Captain Burdett, W. C. Lemon; Sixth, G. W. Dalman, J. W. Richards; Seventh, A. W. Williams, Hiram M. Miller; Ninth, Colonel Dyer, John C. Orrick.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the sovereign political power in our great Commonwealth is vested in the people, and that the Legislature and the State Executive is the representative of that sovereignty.

Resolved, That we believe, in the words of the Declaration of Independence, that all men are created equal, and that equal political rights to each and every man is the true basis of republican institutional liberty, and to this end we indorse the reconstruction policy of Congress of the United States under the Constitution the United States Congress is the representative of that sovereignty.

Resolved, That the principles and words of the Declaration of Independence, that all men are created equal, and therefore equal political rights to each and every citizen is the only safeguard of constitutional liberty, and to this end we indorse the reconstruction policy of Congress of the United States, and the action of the loyal members of the Union men of the State of Missouri, in convention assembled, stand ready to accept the responsibilities of the present political situation.

Resolved, That we are in favor of the admission of the State of Virginia on condition of complete representation in the Congress of the United States, as soon as they shall give ample guarantees of their future loyalty to the Government, and secure to equal political rights to all the citizens of such State.

Resolved, That a taxation must remain in proportion to the value of such property, and direct property can be justly assessed, and that we are opposed to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, at its present session, to increase the agricultural, mechanical and mineral productions of our country.

Resolved, That the development of the untold wealth of our resources demands the improvement of our rivers and harbors, and the speedy construction of the Pacific ocean.

Resolved, That the people of Great Britain, Prussia and other European powers once a citizen, always a citizen, must be forever on the hazards of the United States as a rule of the feudal times, not authorized by the law of nations, and that war with any European power claiming the right to deprive citizens is pre-entitled to be protected in all their rights of citizenship as though born within the limits of the country, and if so arrested and imprisoned it is the duty of the Government of the United States to demand redress for such outrage on behalf of such citizen.

Resolved, That we, the Radical party of the State of Missouri, hereby express our preference for U. S. Grant as a candidate for President of the United States from a national Republican platform.

E. W. Fox, of St. Louis, was elected chairman, and M. Hilton Secretary of the Radical State Committee.

The following resolutions were also adopted by the Convention and telegraphed to Secretary Stanton:

Resolved, That a law passed by the Congress of the United States by the constitutional vote over the veto of the President, is the law of the land, to be obeyed by all, from the highest to the lowest, and that the aiding President is as much bound by it as any citizen.

Resolved, That we send greeting to the Radical Congress of the United States, and to Edwin M. Stanton, with assurances that loyal Missourians, to a man, will stand by them till the country is saved from Andrew Johnson, and every man of this country shall bow in obedience to the law of the land.

The grand Democratic conservative banquet in honor of Washington's birthday, at the Southern Hotel to-night, was a brilliant affair. About two hundred persons, among them many prominent Democratic and conservative politicians, sat down to the table, and the utmost harmony and good feeling prevailed.

The following regular toasts were given, which were regularly responded to: "The memory of George Washington, the foremost man of all this world and all time." "Our fathers, let us remember his inflexible adherence to the principles of Constitutional liberty, and resolve that we will manfully attempt to preserve what he so nobly won." "The President of the United States—Elected to the work of the Constitution, the waves of faction and usurping violence will beat against him in vain." "The Supreme Court of the United States, established to preserve and expound the Constitution; all who love the Constitution of our fathers and the liberty which it secures will resist the implous attempt to impair its authority, to destroy its independence." "The members of the Convention of 1787—May the work of their hands receive no changes as the passions and prejudices of the present day may bring." "The army and navy—subordination to the civil authorities is the chief ornament of the American soldier, and the true test of his loyalty." "Civil and religious liberty—their friends should be resolved, devoted and unflinching in this their hour of peril." "America expects that every man will do his duty." "Our adopted citizens—their protection our protection, their oppression our shame." "The flag of the Union—the emblem of a nationality based upon the union of co-equal and independent States; any act of oppression toward one is treason against all." "The women of America will never consent to debase the blood of their imperial race." "A free press essential to the maintenance of civil and religious liberty; it will survive or perish with it."

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

A NEW TREATY WITH PRUSSIA.

Naturalization of Germans in America.

IRISH EDITORS SENTENCED.

Military Preparations in France.

General Feeling of Uneasiness

GALE ON THE ENGLISH COAST.

Reception of Farragut at Venice.

New Treaty with Prussia.

BERLIN, February 22.—The negotiations of Hon. George Bancroft on the subject of naturalization of Germans in America, &c., have been brought to a successful issue. The North German Bund agrees to fully recognize and accept the rights, exemption from military duty, &c., of native-born Americans to Germans naturalized according to law as citizens of the United States after they have spent five years in the United States. A treaty to this effect was signed by Bancroft on the 22d.

English Naturalization Laws.

LONDON, February 23.—William Forster, member from Bradford, has given notice that on the 28th he will the call attention of the House of Commons to the state of the naturalization laws and the right of self-expatriation.

French Military Preparations.

The *Independence Belge* of Saturday has an article on the prospects of peace in Europe. It expresses a general feeling of apprehension which prevails, in saying that the vast military preparations now going on in all parts of France were of a character and on a scale which lead to the conviction that they are designed to meet other purposes than those of national defense.

Farragut.

FLORENCE, February 23.—Admiral Farragut met with an enthusiastic reception last week from the Government and people of Venice. He next goes to Milan and Genoa, whence he will proceed to Rome, having accepted an official invitation to visit those cities.

Birthday Fete.

PARIS, February 23.—The fete given by General Dix last night, in celebration of Washington's birthday, was a very brilliant affair. A great crowd of American and foreign guests attended. Many French and other European notabilities were present. The decorations were superb and appropriate. No speeches.

Irish Editors Sentenced.

LONDON, February 22.—Mr. Sullivan, of the Dublin *Nation*, recently convicted of publishing seditious libels, has been sentenced to six months' impri sonment. Mr. Pigot, of the Dublin *Irishman*, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. Both prisoners will be required on the expiration of their terms of confinement to furnish security for future good behavior.

Death.

LONDON, Evening, February 22.—Casey, who was shot some time since by Captain Mackey, died at Cork to-day.

The Press Law.

PARIS, February 23.—The bill for the regulation of the newspaper press is still under discussion in the Corps Legislatif. An amendment for allowing the full publication of summaries of the Corps debates was rejected this evening by a vote of 155 to 67.

Shipping Intelligence.

LIVERPOOL, February 23.—The steamship Siberia, from New York, arrived here to-day. The steamship City of New York, from New York, arrived to-day.

SOUTHAMPTON, February 23.—The steamship Union, from New York, arrived to-day.

Gale.

LONDON, February 23, P. M.—A tremendous gale prevails on the West coast of England and Wales. The great breakwater of Holyhead, a massive stone pier of 900 feet long, has been carried away by the waves, and the lights have disappeared. No disasters to shipping are yet reported.

U. S. Bonds at Frankfort.

FRANKFORT, February 23.—U. S. bonds lower, quoted at 87½.

London Money Market.

LONDON, Evening, February 22.—Consols 93@93¼ for money; 93¼@93⅜ for account. Illinois Central 86; Erie 43½.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Evening, February 22.—Cotton declined ⅛d; sales 10,000 bales; middling uplands or 10¾d; Orleans 10¾d. Breadstuffs—Quiet and steady.

Provisions—Lard excited and advanced 6d; quoted at 59s. Pork quoted at 86s. Bacon 49s.

Produce—Dull and steady. Turpentine declined to 33s 6d. Tallow 42s.

Antwerp Petroleum Market.

ANTWERP, February 22.—Petroleum closes dull at 49 francs.

MISSOURI.

The Republican State Convention.

ST. LOUIS, February 22.—The Radical State Convention met at Jefferson City, at eleven o'clock this morning. Lieutenant Governor Smith was elected temporary chairman. Colonel Jamison and Captain Colby, temporary secretaries. After the appointment of a Committee on Credentials, and permanent organization, the Convention adjourned till two o'clock. The question of negro suffrage will probably be prominently discussed, and it is reported the Convention will very likely instruct the delegates to the National Convention to vote for Grant.

In the afternoon session of the Radical State Convention, permanent organization was effected by the election of Hiram Ketchum Smith as Chairman, with a Vice President from each Congressional District, and Captain Colby Secretary. The following delegates at large were elected: General Carl Schurz, Governor Fletcher, Edward Horn, Hon. A. Hahn. The regular delegates—First District, Thomas J. Daily and Weston Flint; Second, F. M. Craenbald and N. O. Owens; Third, George L. Theilrius, George A. Maser; Fourth, George L. Childrin; Fifth, Creighton Firth, Captain Burdett, W. C. Lemon; Sixth, G. W. Dalman, J. W. Richards; Seventh, A. W. Williams, Hiram M. Miller; Ninth, Colonel Dyer, John C. Orrick.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the sovereign political power in our great Commonwealth is vested in the people, and that the Legislature and the State Executive is the representative of that sovereignty.

Resolved, That we believe, in the words of the Declaration of Independence, that all men are created equal, and that equal political rights to each and every man is the true basis of republican institutional liberty, and to this end we indorse the reconstruction policy of Congress of the United under the Constitution the United States Congress is the representative of that sovereignty.

Resolved, That the principles and words of the Declaration of Independence, that all men are created equal, and therefore equal political rights to each and every citizen is the only safeguard of constitutional liberty, and to this end we indorse the reconstruction policy of Congress of the United States, and the action of the loyal members of the Union men of the State of Missouri, in convention assembled, stand ready to accept the responsibilities of the present political situation.

Resolved, That we are in favor of the admission of the State of Virginia on condition of complete representation in the Congress of the United States, as soon as they shall give ample guarantees of their future loyalty to the Government, and secure to equal political rights to all the citizens of such State.

Resolved, That a taxation must remain in proportion to the value of such property, and direct property can be justly assessed, and that we are opposed to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, at its present session, to increase the agricultural, mechanical and mineral productions of our country.

Resolved, That the development of the untold wealth of our resources demands the improvement of our rivers and harbors, and the speedy construction of the Pacific ocean.

Resolved, That the people of Great Britain, Prussia and other European powers once a citizen, always a citizen, must be forever on the hazards of the United States as a rule of the feudal times, not authorized by the law of nations, and that war with any European power claiming the right to deprive citizens is pre-entitled to be protected in all their rights of citizenship as though born within the limits of the country, and if so arrested and imprisoned it is the duty of the Government of the United States to demand redress for such outrage on behalf of such citizen.

Resolved, That we, the Radical party of the State of Missouri, hereby express our preference for U. S. Grant as a candidate for President of the United States from a national Republican platform.

E. W. Fox, of St. Louis, was elected chairman, and M. Hilton Secretary of the Radical State Committee.

The following resolutions were also adopted by the Convention and telegraphed to Secretary Stanton:

Resolved, That a law passed by the Congress of the United States by the constitutional vote over the veto of the President, is the law of the land, to be obeyed by all, from the highest to the lowest, and that the aiding President is as much bound by it as any citizen.

Resolved, That we send greeting to the Radical Congress of the United States, and to Edwin M. Stanton, with assurances that loyal Missourians, to a man, will stand by them till the country is saved from Andrew Johnson, and every man of this country shall bow in obedience to the law of the land.

The grand Democratic conservative banquet in honor of Washington's birthday, at the Southern Hotel to-night, was a brilliant affair. About two hundred persons, among them many prominent Democratic and conservative politicians, sat down to the table, and the utmost harmony and good feeling prevailed.

The following regular toasts were given, which were regularly responded to: "The memory of George Washington, the foremost man of all this world and all time." "Our fathers, let us remember his inflexible adherence to the principles of Constitutional liberty, and resolve that we will manfully attempt to preserve what he so nobly won." "The President of the United States—Elected to the work of the Constitution, the waves of faction and usurping violence will beat against him in vain." "The Supreme Court of the United States, established to preserve and expound the Constitution; all who love the Constitution of our fathers and the liberty which it secures will resist the implous attempt to impair its authority, to destroy its independence." "The members of the Convention of 1787—May the work of their hands receive no changes as the passions and prejudices of the present day may bring." "The army and navy—subordination to the civil authorities is the chief ornament of the American soldier, and the true test of his loyalty." "Civil and religious liberty—their friends should be resolved, devoted and unflinching in this their hour of peril." "America expects that every man will do his duty." "Our adopted citizens—their protection our protection, their oppression our shame." "The flag of the Union—the emblem of a nationality based upon the union of co-equal and independent States; any act of oppression toward one is treason against all." "The women of America will never consent to debase the blood of their imperial race." "A free press essential to the maintenance of civil and religious liberty; it will survive or perish with it."

SAN FRANCISCO.

Grand Army of the Republic---Mutiny on an Italian Vessel.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 23.—The first annual Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of California, met yesterday. Delegates were present from nearly every part of the State. Col. James Coe was elected Department Commander for the ensuing year. The Convention endorsed the first General order issued by General John. A Logan, Grand Commander of the order in the United States.

The Italian bark Mana Guessippina, from Geoa via Montevedo, has arrived. The crew mutined during the voyage from the latter place. Two sailors were killed by the first mate.

Business is generally suspended to-day.

RHODE ISLAND.

The Republican State Convention.

PROVIDENCE, February 23.—The Republican State Convention met here yesterday, and nominated Gen. A. E. Burnside for Governor; Purdon W. Stevens, Lieutenant Governor; Jno. R. Bartlett, Secretary of State; Willard Sayles, Attorney General; Geo. P. Ten, General Treasurer. They are all present incumbents except the Lieutenant Governor. The following were elected delegates to the National Convention: Chas. C. Van Zandt, Lysander Flagg, Wm. Sprague, Wm. Godard, Jas. D. Wolf, Perry Lyman, B. Frieze, Rowland G. Hazzard, and John S. Chamberlain.

ANOTHER MASQUERADE.—The present cold weather having placed the ice at the Keystone Skating Rink in excellent condition, Major Hervey, at the request of a large number of his patrons, has consented to give another grand masquerade on Tuesday evening. As this will probably be the last "carnival" of the season, and as a number of novelties will be introduced, the attendance to-morrow night will doubtless be large. The Rink will be open to-day and evening.

That Consumption Can be Cured is no Longer to be Doubted—A Lady Gains Eight Pounds in Six Weeks.

Four years ago, I was attacked with a cold, which soon terminated in a bronchial affection, and finally I suffered from asthma in its most severe form. The throat disease continued to grow worse, and descended until my lungs became diseased. I tried various treatments without any good effect, as consumption, which I was told I had, seemed to be unyielding to ordinary treatment. Every day I expected would be my last. In this hopeless condition I applied to Dr. Aborn, of No. 134 Smithfield street, and to the surprise of all who knew my critical condition and the gratification of myself, I began to improve immediately. No one thought I could possibly live a month. It is now six weeks since I placed myself under the treatment of Dr. Aborn, and during that period I have gained eight pounds of solid flesh. Now I can walk up stairs and attend to my chores without fatigue, which I have not been able to do for so long a time. My speedy recovery is due to the peculiar treatment known to Dr. Aborn.